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REV. JOHN A. WADE WINS CARNEGIE HERO'S MEDAL



REV. JOHN A. WADE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 29—The Rev. John A. Wade, of Kilmichael, Miss., has been awarded Carnegie hero's silver medal for his rescue of a one-armed farmer from a well cave-in on Feb. 2, 1948, it was announced today.

Wade, 33, spent two hours in the well clearing debris which had fallen on top of Simon W. Dismukes, 72, after Dismukes had slipped into the well during the cave-in.

According to the citation, Dismukes was trapped 40 feet below the surface. A 125-pound slab of concrete, used to support a wooden curb at the well's mouth, fell just behind him and slanted across above him. Wade arrived at the well an hour after the incident. Fifty other persons who had gathered at the scene had not attempted to help the aged farmer.

The citation said Wade had himself lowered into the well and scooped the debris and dirt into a bucket

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Two Southern Baptist Conventions Needed

By CHAS. F. LEEK,
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Thomasville, N. C.

The need for two Southern Baptist Conventions seems to be becoming increasingly imperative with the crowded and cumbersome conditions under which each successive meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention is held.

This has been made most obvious in recent years by certain perplexing facts: (1) the inability now of any city in the South to provide an adequate meeting place for the convention, (2) the present unsatisfactory housing conditions for its multiplied

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DR. PARRISH TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

Dr. James W. Parrish, pastor of First Church, Laurel, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour, Sunday afternoon, May 15, bringing the third of three consecutive messages. Dr. Parrish will be heard at 2:30 over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNAG, Grenada.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN RECEIVES ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS

Oppose Ambassador to Vatican, Elect Baker President

By A. L. Goodrich,
Editor, The Baptist Record

In its recent annual meeting in Washington the Associated Church Press again expressed its opposition to Myron S. Taylor as Ambassador to the Vatican, held a press conference with President Truman at which no questions were permitted, opposed the appropriation of public funds for non-public schools and de-

plored "increasing efforts to break down the traditional American separation between church and state."

For the first time Southern Baptists were given prominent places on the program. They were: Herman F. Burns, Editorial Art Director of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Miss Majorie E. Moore, Managing Editor of The Commission; Dr. Edward H. Pruden, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.; and A. L. Goodrich, Editor of The Baptist Record.

Others having parts on the program were: Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State; Don A. Brennan, Manager Motion Picture and Speakers Bureau and Public Relations Representative of the Curtis Publishing Company; Miss Bettie S. Brittingham, Editor of The Methodist Woman; Hon. Paul H. Douglass, United States Senator from Illinois; Delmar L. Dyerson, Editor of The Link; Harold E. Fey, Managing Editor of The Christian Century; Robert Heinze, Promotion Manager of Presbyterian Life; Louis Minsky, Executive Director of Religious News Service; Jacob S. Peyton, Washington correspondent for The Christian Advocate; W. G. Polack, Editor of The Lutheran Witness; Mrs. Laurlene Straughn Pratt, member of the facul-

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Suggested Solution For SBC Size Opposed Barton Says Buchanan's Plan Contradicts Baptist Polity; Offers Counter Suggestion

By DR. L. E. BARTON

Dr. John Buchanan has proposed a plan by which he thinks Southern Baptists may find a solution of their problem of bigness, which has made entertainment of the Convention so difficult if not impossible in our largest cities. The plan is this:

1. To have an Administrative Convention, to be composed of as many messengers from each state as said state has district associations, which would be about 73 from Alabama. (Editor's Note: We have 72 in Mississippi.) Or let each state have one messenger or members of this Administrative Convention for each ten thousand members in the churches in that state. This would work out approximately the same. "These mes-

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Baptists To Converge On Oklahoma City

Ten thousand Baptists from 20 states will converge on Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 18-22, for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention—expected to be the largest religious gathering in America in 1949.

The Convention at Oklahoma City will hear reports of the many agencies supported by it both in this country and in foreign mission areas and

will plan for future activity. Evangelism is slated as the primary emphasis in the years just ahead.

The Southern Baptist Convention is one of the most uniquely organized groups in the world. The Convention is made up of "messengers," not "delegates," from the churches, in that no one carries authority to bind his congregation back home to the deci-

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Blue Mtn. College Commencement Speakers



Dr. Slater A. Murphy, (left) pastor of Highland Heights Church, Memphis, will give the baccalaureate sermon for Blue Mountain College Sunday morning, May 29, at 11 o'clock in Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Murphy is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College and the Baptist Bible Institute. His daughter, Mary, is a member of the graduating class.

Lowry B. Eastland, (right), Baton Rouge, La., president of the Southern National Life Insurance Company, will deliver the commencement address Monday morning, May 30, at 10 o'clock in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. Mr. Eastland is the son



of a Blue Mountain College graduate, May Lowry, who lived in Forest, Miss. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University and has been a member of the legislature of the state of Louisiana. His business activities are extremely varied and successful. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, and has been the teacher of the Eastland Men's Bible Class (one of the most active in the state and South) since 1920. He is second vice-president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; vice-president of the Southern Baptist Foundation; and president of the board of trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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ty of American University; Frederick E. Reissig, Executive Secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches; John Fordney Rudy, Director of Public Relations for the National Federation of American Shipping; Francis H. Russell, Director of Public Affairs in the Department of State; L. Ralph Tabor, Pastor of The Luther Place Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.; W. A. Visser 'T' Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Charles A. Wells, Cartoonist and Editor of Between the Lines and A. J. Wilson, Editor of The United Church Observer, Toronto, Canada.

Why Truman Goes To Church

President Truman at his press conference with the editors allowed no opportunity for questions but declared that he didn't go to church to be a "circus" and took a quiet dig at people who attend services only because the President happens to be there.

"You know," Mr. Truman said, the President has to be very careful when he goes to church, that he goes to the church for the purpose of worshipping God and not for the purpose of being a circus.

"A great many people, if they find that the President, not Harry Truman, but the President, is going to be in church, they will go to church. Well, that is not the right frame of mind in which to go to church, and I don't cater to that sort of program.

"I go because I want to go and because I think I ought to go and not just for the purpose of making a show. The First Baptist Church treats me just the way I want to be treated."

Mr. Truman explained the burdens of the presidency prevent his going to church every Sunday, because he works 16 or 17 hours a day.

Communism views religion as "something that is evil, and must be stamped out," said Francis H. Russell, director of the State Department's Office of Public Affairs.

"The Communists will use churches as instruments of propaganda," Russell told the opening session of the Associated Church Press.

"But their ultimate objective," he declared, "is to dispense with religion entirely."

He said communism "attacks the western way of life across the board" and listed some of its methods as "promoting distrust and hopelessness, a program of planned chaos, making special appeals to different groups, armed threats, and aggression where there is any chance of success."

In answer to a question from his audience about friendship gestures to the Russian people, Russell said 34 proposals had been made by this country to Russia over a period of three years to send orchestras, exchange students and such groups to the Soviet Union and that in every instance the Soviet Union either gave no reply or turned the requests down.

Religious Freedom Jeopardized

Charging the Roman Catholic Church with jeopardizing religious freedom in this country and infiltrating into the public schools, Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, told the editors that they should get into the fight immediately.



Shown above are the members of the Associated Church Press on the lawn of the White House. Center front are President Truman and Dr. Wm. P. Lipphard, President of the Associated Church Press.

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He declared that his group is joining in a vigorous fight against Communism but denied that in doing this they have to "join clerical Facism as represented by the Catholic church."

In his address, Mr. Archer pointed to "the repeated attempts of the Roman Catholic Church to gain Federal support for private schools; its attack upon the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States; its vitriolic blasts at Horace Mann and the American public school system; and its ready tagging as un-American and bigot those who seek to uphold the Federal Constitution."

A resolution was adopted opposing the appropriation of public funds for non-public schools on state and local levels, as well as Federal levels.

In another resolution, the organization went on record as urging Congress to amend section 6 of Senate 246, the Thomas bill, dealing with education, "so as to make impossible under any circumstances the grant of Federal funds to parochial schools."

Liberal DP Law Urged

In other resolutions the church editors urged that the displaced persons law be liberalized to eliminate racial and religious restrictions; advocated favorable treatment for the United Nations in the publications, and endorsed, in principle, Federal aid to public schools.

The Association urged that Protestant denominations provide adequate budgets for public relations to present Protestant activities more forcibly in the daily and weekly press. It designated October as "Protestant Church Press Month," and voted to ask the trustees of Nieman Foundation, at Harvard, to make Nieman Fellowships available to qualified editors of the religious press.

Delmar L. Dyreson, editor of the Link, and chaplain told the editors proposed postal rate increases would lay a heavy burden on the budgets of church papers.

After the close of the afternoon session, at a tea given the church editors at the Polish Embassy, the Ambassador told the gathering there is no longer one preferential church in Poland. He declared all churches are now on the basis of absolute equality.

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SUGGESTED SOLUTION FOR

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sengers to be nominated by the state groups and elected by the current session of the convention for the ensuing year."

"Then let the amended Constitution provide for two or more regional meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, all business and the determination of policies to be delegated by those regional conventions to the Administrative Convention." But how regional conventions which have no administrative functions, which "will be for promotion, inspiration and fellowship" can delegate all business and fixing policies and programs to the Administrative Convention which has all authority over such matters he does not tell us. He does tell us that "The regional conventions could not change the policies or programs adopted by the Administrative Convention."

However, a regional convention could memorialize the Administrative Convention for a change of program or policy or the innovation of any new matter." There would at least be left to the multitude the right "peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances"—rather a lean consolation for Baptist freedom and independence of action.

The briefest study of this plan should convince any one that it would be impossible for Southern Baptists.

For instance it provides that the messengers shall represent the states and shall be "nominated by the state groups and elected by the current session of the convention for the ensuing year." I understand him to mean that the state conventions would nominate the messengers, and the Southern Baptist Convention would elect these messengers who would compose the Southern Baptist Convention the next session. It does not seem to occur to Dr. Buck that a convention of this year cannot determine the membership of next year's convention. Suppose the Administrative Convention did not elect those nominated by the state conventions? If it had to elect them, then why have state conventions nominate them? If it had to elect them it would put the state conventions in absolute

COULTER—COX

The wedding of Miss Mary Alyce Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Cox of Ellistown and Mr. Travis Coulter of Jackson was solemnized on Saturday evening, May 7, in the A. L. Goodrich home at Clinton.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the Baptist Record and former pastor of Mrs. Coulter.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulter will make their home in Jackson where Mr. Coulter is engaged in the home building business.

control over the Administrative Convention and all the affairs of Southern Baptists under the power of the state organizations. Then what would become of the freedom of Baptist bodies? That would not be Baptist policy or sound judgment. This would take all administrative matters and all authority out of the hands of "the messengers of the churches" and put absolute power in the hands of about a thousand persons chosen by state conventions. Nomination would be tantamount to election. One Baptist body must not determine the membership of another Baptist body.

Now remember two conventions are suggested by this plan. One to be created by the state conventions and given supreme authority of administration of all Baptist affairs. The other created by the churches and given no authority of administration whatever, although it would be representative of the churches and should be the one with authority. Think of two conventions, created by different sources, trying to function in the same field; and one with full authority and the other much larger and more representative body having only the right of petitioning and memorializing the smaller and authoritarian body!

Again this has the officers of one of those conventions becoming by virtue of their office members of the other convention, and the President of the Administrative Convention becoming automatically the President of the regional conventions, or the Southern Baptist Convention, whichever it is. Now how officers of one Baptist body can become ex-officio members of another Baptist body is "something else again."

But one thing in this plan is plain as a pike staff and that is that the Administrative Convention would be an authoritarian body of autocratic power far removed from the churches which would dominate Southern Baptist affairs and incidentally destroy co-operation, because Baptists don't work in blind bridges and load themselves down with burdens of harness.

Our solution of meeting places is not in wrecking the Constitution and organization of the Convention, but in either meeting in cities like St. Louis, Baltimore, Miami, Chicago, and San Francisco; or spending three to four million dollars to make Ridgecrest, which is near enough to Asheville for messengers to commute daily, adequate for a permanent place.

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DR. N. D. TIMMERMAN, PASTOR of the First Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and formerly pastor of the First Church, Clarksdale, died Thursday, May 6. Death followed four months illness. He had been stricken with acute leukemia.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

HONORABLE MEN DO NOT USE DISHONORABLE METHODS

I VICTORY PEAKS IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST LIFE WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS!

1. Placed and kept a first emphasis upon evangelism and the practices of soul winning.
2. An average of 12,900 baptisms in comparison with 10,600 for the preceding ten years.
3. An all-time record in the number of baptisms last year; 15,242 as against the low figure 9,776 in the preceding period.
4. Paid all debts, called Education Commission Bonds ahead of time to the saving of \$300,000 interest.
5. Saved an additional \$50,000 in overhead debt-saving campaign expenses.
6. Turned a \$107,055.28 Baptist Record loss from 1925-1941 to a 1942-1948 \$90,877.08 profit.
7. Purchased wonderful property strategically located for the lovely Baptist Building at a cost of \$110,000.
8. A greatly improved bookkeeping system and that under great difficulties.
9. Added Baptist Record Bookkeeping system set-up for auditing.
10. Purchased truck for all Convention Board hauling including Baptist Record.
11. All institutions paid debts saving large monies in interest.
12. All institutions increased endowments, and/or, equipment and/or buildings.
13. For nine years experienced the greatest fellowship and unity of spirit in our history.
14. Experienced real Spiritual Democracy, believing that everybody is somebody, that every church is a great church, that all people possible should be helped in all the ways possible, at all times possible!
15. State Mission Departments increased from four to twelve.
16. Mississippi Baptist Hour (Radio Program).
17. An unparalleled tract ministry.
18. For the first time helped as many as 90 church building situations within one year.
19. Inaugurated the Retirement Plan.
20. Made the Evangelistic Conference our outstanding and most helpful conference.
21. Started helping the races as Indians, Chinese, and Negroes.
22. Daily Prayer Meeting for staff begun in office of Executive Secretary.
23. State Mission budget went from \$37,500 to \$228,670.
24. Contributions through the Cooperative Program went from \$103,920.72 to \$726,190.28.
25. Contributions to all missions, benevolences, and Christian education went from \$202,692.45 to an all time high of \$1,810,615.56.
26. Contributions for grand total gifts including local church and missions went from \$1,508,439.95 to \$7,388,343.

While the backwaters of Pearl River took the GOSPEL FLYER off our regular airport, we left it at the Municipal Airport. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Bob Neblett, manager, along with his helpers for numerous courtesies during that time. Bob is the sort of friend whose friendship has been refreshing through the years. We appreciate him very much. He is rendering a large service in his present position.

We have recently had two more promotional meetings that were fruitful in the work. An occasional pastor has come, also laymen, saying they were filled with untruths about our work in

Christ. In these meetings they get the straight truth—no underworld tactics as some use—conspiracy, secret caucus, lying, betrayal.

Brother Davis presents the Cooperative Program and evangelistic plans. Dr. Rouse presents the Woman's College Campaign. Miss Tyler, head bookkeeper, talks procedures in handling money and keeping records.

We take the afternoon in going "inside" with problems, personnel, etc. Then, we throw the meeting wide open for questions and problems. We keep attendance at conference size so they will ask questions. None are barred. We can answer nine out of ten questions right off. The bookkeeper goes and gets the answer to the other. All honest minds are satisfied.

Three troublemakers have insinuated themselves in two meetings. We were glad to have them. They were allowed to ask questions. All were answered, as those present know. One wanted to make a speech after we had been there from 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. Some brethren in revival were wanting to get on to their field. We did not allow the troublemaker to make a speech but did allow a brief statement to be made which was, "We are ready to talk to anybody anytime." Our answer: "So is the devil! What is needed now is not more talk but is that lying cease about the work of Christ!"

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Pastor Carl Bates, another one of our Mississippi preachers having made good in a far country, was gracious in inviting us to help him in a revival series at First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas. This is a church of culture, wealth, spirituality, and power. They have a membership of 1400. During the twenty months' pastorate of Brother Bates, 401 additions to the church have been experienced. This number includes the twenty-two who came in our brief revival of one week. Seventeen of the number were for baptism. Mrs. Bates and young Miss Judy were also very much in evidence during the revival. We were graciously entertained in their home along with other homes of the city.

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It is amazing how easily Satan deceives some people. Satan misinterprets the truth. Satan uses questions. Satan accuses the brethren.

In Ephesians 6:11 we are charged to "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." One needs the whole armour of God in this fight. We are to "stand against." We are not to run from the fight. We are not to be afraid "to stick our neck out" in this fight! We are not to hide out in this fight! We are not to play both sides in this fight! We are not to take the wrong side in this fight!

Read Ephesians 6:10-24. We are to be strong in the Lord! Note the sort and place of the opposition—verse 12. Note the items in the whole armour of God—verses 13-19—truth, righteousness, gospel, faith, salvation, word of God, prayer, boldness, utterance, etc. In Genesis 3:1-6 Satan misquotes God. Satan tells a half truth and a half lie—sin came to our first parents. Satan falsely accuses God—verse 5. Oh, the audacity of the devil and of those who follow him.

In the last book of the Bible, Revelation 20:10 the devil is again shown up as an accuser of the brethren. He is a hard worker going at it by day and night. When you see someone giving himself or herself assiduously to the work of destructively accusing others,

you may rest assured, (1) it is selfish, (2) it is following the pattern of the devil.

The accusations of the devil reach a climax in Luke 23:2 when the devil through false hypocritical religious leaders accuses Jesus of (1) sedition, (2) forbidding to pay tribute to Caesar, and (3) claiming to be a king, the Son of God. "And the chief priests and scribes stood vehemently accusing Him." Luke 23:10-11. "They cried out away with Him, crucify Him." John 19:15. "And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that He might be crucified." Luke 23:23. "But the chief priests stirred up the multitudes." Mark 15:11. Great work for religious leaders to be giving themselves to—Eh?

They hatched up a lot of things against Jesus. "Then saith Pilate unto Him, Hearest thou not how many things they witnesseth against thee?" Matthew 27:13. They said Jesus was an "evildoer." John 18:30. Just imagine it! They plotted against Jesus—Matthew 27:1. "All the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death." They used lies against Jesus. "Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death." They failed at first but finally two liars were found. Matthew 26:61. They accuse Him of being in league with the devil. Mark 3:22-35. "He struck Jesus with His hand." John 18:22.

Another favorite snare of the devil is to ask trick questions. Did you ever hear of that? The devil does his asking questions through evil men and evil women. In Matthew 22 they come to Jesus with their catch questions as some of us have seen the same ilk do today. The first trick question was about paying tribute to Caesar. Who asked it? The Pharisees—hypocrites, Matthew 23! Ah, they thought they had Him. They sniggered with faces behind hands. They were so smart in their own sight. The answer of Jesus, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Of course they had asked one of the to be answered "yes" or "no" questions—the mark of the beast. Ever hear of it?

Then, they had a sure fire question with a dirty suggestion. Seven brothers in turn marry a woman and die. Whose wife will she be in the resurrection? Now answer us quickly, etc. He did to their astonishment. They ran to other questions. Oh, they had a list of questions for Jesus. The third was, which is the great commandment? Jesus told them. But wait, they have a great list of questions. Pilate asks Him, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" John 18:33. The high priest had a question, "Art thou the Son of God?" Matthew 26:63.

"For many bare false witness against Him, and their witness agreed not together." Mark 14:56. The world says "Where there is smoke, there is fire" so Jesus must be guilty—not so!

"Then did they spit in his face and buffet him; and some smote him with the palms of their hands." Matthew 26:67-68. Then they said to him, if you are so smart tell us who hit you!

Well, a lie, brutality, hypocrisy have their day but they break against the truth of resurrection day. They even lied about that—"say his disciples stole his body." Matthew 28:13-15. Read all of Matthew 28.

Today Jesus is doing pretty well—mighty well as a matter of fact! Where are the liars, the hypocrites, the persecutors, the "big boys" who hounded Him, etc? What are their names? All of them are gone, most of them are unknown.

"Low in the grave He lay—Jesus my Saviour! Waiting the coming day—Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hal-

BETTY RENSHAW GOES TO CALVARY, TUPELO



MISS BETTY RENSHAW

Miss Betty Renshaw began her work as educational secretary at the Tupelo Calvary Church, Tupelo, on April 1.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Miss Renshaw has a splendid background of training and experience. She has served two churches in a similar capacity before coming here, Bomar Avenue Church in Vicksburg and the East Church in Greenville, from which church she came to Tupelo.

Her former pastor, the Rev. Homer W. Roberson, in a letter addressed to Rev. W. L. Day, Calvary Baptist Church pastor, says of Miss Renshaw: "You will find her sincere, cooperative and faithful. She has done fine work with us. We regret seeing her leave very much, but congratulate you on employing her."

Miss Renshaw was honored at an informal reception planned by Mrs. Guy Gravelle, Jr., and her committee of Y. W. A. girls.

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Baptist Church Woman Named Mother-Of-The-Year

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Mrs. E. A. Gillis of Fort Worth, Texas, who brought six children into the world and temporary adopted eight others, was named American Mother-of-the-Year by the Golden Rule Foundation here.

Wife of a Post Office worker, Mrs. Gillis, 60, from time to time adopted eight boys who needed assistance in completing their education. One of them is now director of a symphony orchestra.

Her eldest son, Dr. Carroll O. Gillis, is in foreign mission work in Argentina. Another son is a college professor and the author of two volumes of verse.

A resident of Fort Worth since 1931, Mrs. Gillis has since been a member of the Polytechnic Baptist church there. She has been active in the Women's Missionary Union and has taught Sunday school classes in every department of the church.

lelujah! Christ arose!"

"He arose from death and all its sorrow, To dwell in that land of joy and love; He is coming back some glad tomorrow, And He'll take all His children home above. He lives on high, He lives on high, Triumphant over sin and all its stain; He lives on high, He lives on high, Some day He's coming again."

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Help Needed 129 Short

Just as we go to press the Circulation department of the Baptist Record reports that we lack only 129 having 65,000 circulation this week.

Here is a plea for help.

Any church having recent additions should add these names to their EVERY FAMILY list now.

Many pastors have intended sending in a club. DO IT NOW.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets next week in Oklahoma City. A report on circulation will be given. The editor of the Baptist Record has made arrangements for a report to be telegraphed to him on Tuesday morning, May 17, giving the circulation as of that moment.

He is hoping that enough people will read this and act quickly so that he can report 65,000 circulation. Any subscriptions mailed Monday will, in most cases reach the Record office in time to be included in that telegraphic report.

BUT don't wait until Monday if you can send them sooner. They might be delayed. DO IT NOW.

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I Baptized A Deacon

We quote below from a letter written by one of the finest pastors in Mississippi. Following the letter is some comment that Baptists need to read and heed.

"I have just baptized one of my deacons... one of the finest leaders that I have in my church. He is a Sunday school teacher, a Training Union worker, an usher, and has filled other important offices in the church life, but he has just been baptized. How did that happen?

We were in a Training Union study course. A question came up about Scriptural baptism and I outlined the four requisites of baptism, namely, scriptural subject, scriptural authority, script-

ural mode and scriptural purpose. I also explained how that, in the light of these requirements, Baptists could not accept the baptism of other faiths. After this discussion this deacon spoke up, "Pastor, according to what you have just said, I have not been baptized." This man had come to us by letter from another Baptist church in Mississippi so the question of his baptism had never come up before. He continued, "I was baptized into a C— church and was a member of that denomination for several years. Later I began to attend the First Baptist Church in G—, Miss., and decide to join that church. When I talked to the pastor he said that they would receive me on my baptism, so I presented myself for membership and was received."

Realizing that the problem that had been presented was one that could not be solved in the class, I suggested to the deacon that we talk after the class. At that time we set a date for a full discussion of the whole matter. Such a problem could not be passed by lightly, for already others were asking "What are you doing to do about Mr. G—'s baptism?"

I met with the deacon and we went into the matter very carefully. We considered it in the light of the teaching of the Word, in the light of the teaching of the former denomination that baptism is "in order to" have salvation, and in the light of his own usefulness for the Lord. One of his greatest problems was to understand why one Baptist church would receive him, while others would not. I explained that while a few Southern Baptist ministers and churches would receive alien immersion, the overwhelming majority would not. We discussed the matter carefully and prayerfully and I made it clear to him why his baptism was not Scriptural, and why he must be immersed by our church if he were to remain a member. I urged him to make his decision only after earnest prayer.

On the next Sunday morning, when I gave an invitation for church membership, this fine deacon walked down the aisle and presented himself as a candidate for baptism, and that night I buried him in the waters of baptism, in a manner that was Scriptural in candidacy, purpose, mode and authority. He is again happy in his Christian service and never again will this question be raised concerning him."

Now, who was responsible for this incident? Was it this fine Christian man? No! It was the Baptist pastor who led his church to accept alien immersion. It was that pastor who, either did not

have a clear conception of the Bible teaching concerning baptism, or did not have the courage to stand for Baptist (and Bible) principles. Such a course led a fine man to an embarrassing experience, and might possibly have led to the wrecking of his Christian activity and service. It also endangered the harmony and fellowship of a church for had this deacon been contentious about the matter it might conceivably have caused trouble in the church.

Baptists should ring clear on immersion and should reject any and all alien immersion. Immersion of a man "in order to" salvation is NOT SCRIPTURAL baptism. Baptism that does not meet all four Scriptural requirements is not Bible baptism! Let us be true to the Word of God whatever the cost may be!

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Pews Now Available

On another page of this issue will be found an advertisement of the Tulsa Church Furniture Corp. This firm manufactures church pews and is owned and operated by active Baptist church members.

Quite often the Editor of the Baptist Record receives requests from churches asking where they can secure pews. This ad gives the answer.

We understand that the firm will have an exhibit at the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City.

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They Don't Fit

We appreciate the desire of many churches to save money by using cuts in the Baptist Record that have already been used in some other paper. But there are two sides to the question. Most daily papers and many weekly papers have 12 em columns. The Baptist Record has 14 em columns. A two column cut for the Baptist Record occupies 29 ems but a two column cut for a 12 em paper uses only 24½ ems.

Did you ever try to put a number seven foot into a number six shoe? It doesn't fit.

Almost every day someone either brings or sends a cut that has been made to fit a 12 em paper. They do not fit the Baptist Record. If you have cuts made for use in other papers either find out if they will fit our column or else send us the photograph and we will have an appropriate cut made.

There is a second thing to be said concerning these cuts which have been used in other papers. Often times we receive a cut that has been used in some other paper one, two, or three weeks previously.

The Baptist Record wants these things while they are news and not after they become history. We much prefer to have these things so that we can publish them as soon as other papers publish them rather than letting the other paper publish them and then a week or two later send us the cut. People seeing the same cut two or three weeks later in the Baptist Record will think that we are not on the job.

We will appreciate your help in this matter.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

IS YOUR HOME TOWN ON A CARNIVAL SUCKER LIST?

The DeKalb Times, whose editor usually has something to say and says it, says this time, "No more carnivals!" And on its front page is a foot-long article by the "Purdy Bible Class," asking the question: "Is Fort Payne a sucker town?" The clear implication, based on an ad in Billboard magazine recruiting shows for this year's carnival, is that it is.

If Fort Payne is a sucker town it is not by itself. These cheap shows fleece our small towns, and some areas in the larger ones, of millions every year. Not necessarily on the square either.

What is hardest to understand is how the operators get by with it. If a half dozen colored field hands from the country should be caught, down on their knees shooting craps for a nickel a throw in any of these towns, the whole gang would go to jail. But any one of them might visit the carnival three blocks away and wager any amount he could raise on the little wheel that goes round and round, and get away with it. Apparently city ordinances against gambling do not apply to strangers.

It is the same way with strip dancers. If our local theaters attempted to show certain films, every last one of us would rise up and demand censorship. But down the street on a vacant lot the carnival might be hawking an act in the flesh that makes the tent poles blush.

The catch too often is that some local organization is suckered into sponsoring the show. For \$500 or less it encourages the citizenry to throw away thousands, so, rather than embarrass local leadership, nobody will prosecute.

Gambling is gambling. Strip shows are strip shows. Most incorporated localities have laws against both. Church people should see that these laws are enforced.

Incidentally, I hope that "Purdy Bible Class," is Baptist.—Hal D. Bennett in the ALABAMA BAPTIST

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The way today is dark. Uncertainty and fear cover our path. But we can walk without stumbling in the world blacked out by sin, strife, and the clouds of war if we keep looking up.—Harold E. Dye in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

HOUSTON IS IN



REV. D. D. SATTERWHITE

When Rev. D. D. Satterwhite went to Houston as pastor of the First Church there he found only a few Baptist Records among the membership. Since that time he has had as his goal the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. The church has adopted the plan and a list of seventy-five has been received. As soon as the church list is thoroughly checked other names have been promised by Pastor Satterwhite. Ted Horn is the treasurer.

Chickasaw County Record readers are now listed as follows: Amity 1; Arbor Grove 12; Bethel 31; Egypt 9; Houlika 9; Houston 76; Mt. Olive 23; Okolona 116; Pleasant Ridge 1; Union Chapel 32; Woodland 2; Providence 15.

MCNEIL IS NUMBER 951

McNeil Church in Pearl River County doesn't believe in doing things by halves. Recently G. M. Donald, treasurer of the church at McNeil sent a list of 62 names for the Baptist Record. Incidentally, this list aided the Baptist Record in almost reaching the 65,000 mark in circulation.

Rev. A. Nelson is the pastor.

Pearl River County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethel, 68; Carriere, 81; Derby, 20; Goodyear, 72; Harmony, 1; Juniper Grove, 81; McNeil, 62; Napoleon, 31; New Henley Field, 40; New Palestine, 74; Nicholson, 2; Picayune, First, 273; Pine Grove, 75; Poplarville, First, 149; Roseland Park, 35; Union, 37; White Sand, 15; West Poplarville, 15; Oak Hill, 50; Ford's Creek, 2; Steep Hollow, 49; Santa Rosa, 24.

BARLOW COMES THROUGH

When Rev. Elton Barlow recently went to Mt. Zion (Lincoln County) as pastor one of his first objectives was getting the Baptist Record into the membership of that good church. He has already succeeded and now forty-five copies of the Record go to the members of Mt. Zion Church.

No doubt Mt. Zion is going to make even greater progress as more of its members become acquainted with the great program of Mississippi Baptists as well as their great accomplishments.

Lincoln County Record readers are now listed as follows: Arlington 23; Bethel 17; Bay Springs 21; Bogue Chitto 49; Brookhaven 655; Clear

500 ATTEND DEDICATION OF RACHEL SIMS MISSION

The new building at Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans, is finished and ready for occupancy. The formal dedication was held on May 10. Announcement was made at the W. M. U. Convention in March of a day when Mississippi W. M. U. members and friends would visit the Mission work in New Orleans and participate in a dedication service. More than 500 Mississippians, including fifteen pastors, from 85 different churches and 25 associations spent May 5 in New Orleans visiting the mission work and participating in the service at the Rachel Sims Mission. All sections of the states were represented, as far north as Hernando and Tunica. There were 6 chartered buses, two from McComb, two from Jackson, one from Meridian and one from Hattiesburg.

Miss Gladys Keith, a Mississippian, is the Director of the River Front Mission work, including Rachel Sims Mission, Bowen Center and Toledane Mission.

An initial gift of \$2,500 is being given by Mississippi W. M. U. for the purpose of erecting a Mission to minister to the Negroes along the River Front. Also a gift of \$2,500 is being given toward furnishings and equipment at Rachel Sims Mission.

The group drove by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Baptist Hospital, Emergency Home and visited the Rescue Mission and Friendship House. Movies of the River Front Mission work were made by W. D. R. Stovall of the Audie-Visual Education department of the State Department of Education.

Branch 22; Fair River 51; Friendship 50; Gum Grove 41; Heucks Retreat 53; Holly Springs 23; Little Bahala 42; Macedonia 134; Mission Hill 30; Montgomery 50; Moak's Creek 73; Mt. Moriah 70; Mt. Pleasant 55; Mt. Zion 45; New Prospect 75; New Sight 49; Pearl Haven 128; Philadelphia 18; Pleasant Grove 42; Pleasant Hill 10; Ruth 35; Topisaw 2; Union Hall 37; Wellman 65.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates all the help that is given by pastors and men and women throughout the state in enlarging the circulation of the Baptist Record. Every list, large, medium, or small is precious in our sight.

During the past few weeks several lists, large and small, have come in that have greatly aided the Baptist Record in its efforts to reach the sixty-five thousand mark by Convention time. Below we list some of these: Beulah Church, Simpson County, added ten; Kilmichel Church, Montgomery County by E. B. Lollar, a revised list with a gain of nine; Gulfport, First Church, by Mrs. Alice Paulsell, secretary, 48 names added; Main Street, Hattiesburg by Mrs. Charles E. Askew, Secretary, 84 names added; Sumner, Rev. H. R. Herrington pastor, 16 added; Sturgis, Rev. John E. Barron pastor, revised list with a gain of 11; New Palestine in Pearl River County by Robert O. Johnston, a gain of 20; New Prospect Church in Lincoln County by Ed Lambright, treasurer, a gain of 23; Moorehead, Rev. A. T. Engell pastor, a revised list with a gain of 30. To all we say thank you.

West View Church Organized

Under the leadership of Rev. W. C. Reid, Jr., Mississippi College student, West View Church, three miles from Jackson on the Raymond Road, was organized on April 26.

The Council was composed of Dr. L. Bracey Campbell (moderator), Rev. Malcom Leach (clerk), Dr. H. M. Harris, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Rev. H. B. Benton, Rev. Joel Aycock, Rev. Richard Wooten and Rev. William Reid, Jr.

There were eleven members at the time of organization and six additional members came when the invitation was given: one by statement, four by baptism, and one on profession of faith.

Rev. H. B. Benton is leading the new church in a revival and there have been four for baptism. Plans are for the meeting to close on Friday night, May 13.

The Charter list of members will be kept open through the meeting and all who join until that time will be considered as Charter members.

BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY 125 YEARS OLD

PHILADELPHIA—(RNS)—A banquet was held here to mark the 125th anniversary of the American Baptist publication Society, a group whose colporters have helped establish 17,500 Sunday schools and 4,250 Baptist churches in this country.

The society was among the first Church publishing houses to issue uniform Sunday school lessons and graded courses. Today it publishes 177 different kinds of lesson quarterlies and periodicals with a total circulation of over 18,000,000 copies a year.

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THE MEN OF ZION HILL CHURCH, Route 2, Hattiesburg, Rev. Lloyd T. Shelton pastor, have organized a brotherhood with the following officers: President, O. C. Grissom; Activities vice president, C. B. Sellers; Program vice president, James Buchanan; Membership vice president, Jesse Jefferson; Choister, James Rowe Blakeney; Secretary and Treasurer, L. B. Napier. Thirty-one men are enrolled.

TREKKING WITH MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

For the past ten years Mississippi Baptists have written a glorious history. Thousands and thousands of our people have felt the thrill of this great trek because they have had a part in it. From every section of our Baptist Zion pastors, missionaries, and men and women have moved, as a mighty army, in the service of our God. Here are a few of the way-markers along the Galilean Highway: 1. Soulwinning first, last, always; 2. An average of 12,900 baptisms per year; 3. All debts paid with Education Commission Bonds called ahead of time thereby saving \$300,000 interest; 4. Baptist Record deficit from 1925-1941 of \$107,055.28 changed to a profit of \$90,877.08 from 1942-1948; 5. Baptist Building property purchased at a cost of \$110,000; 6. Bookkeeping system improved in such a manner that today it is one of the most modern and efficient; 7. A Spiritual Democracy. With relentless energy Dr. McCall has dedicated his services toward giving to Mississippi Baptists a spiritual democracy; 8. A tract ministry covering the entire state and regions beyond; 9. State Missions broadened from horse and buggy days to an accelerated program guided by twelve great departments; 10. Radio ministry that covers the state; 11. State Mission Budget increased from \$37,500 in 1939 to \$228,670 in 1949; 12. Cooperative Program receipts increased from \$103,902.72 in 1939 to \$726,190.28 in 1948. These twelve and many others Mississippi Baptists have erected along the Galilean Highway the past ten years under the leadership of Dr. McCall.

When Mississippi Baptists read the way-markers they give thanks to God. The State Convention by a great ovation expressed its thanks to and confidence in Dr. McCall in the following resolution:

"Whereas, 1949 marks the tenth anniversary of the service of our Executive Secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, and
Whereas, this year's financial receipts reached a high level, with this being the best in the history of the Cooperative Program receipts, and
Whereas, an all time high has been reached in baptisms in our churches totaling 14,605; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we express to our Executive Secretary and Director of Evangelism, Dr. D. A. McCall, our warm appreciation of his untiring efforts during these years, being mindful of the fact that he has labored for the good of the cause without sparing himself day or night, and

Be it further resolved, that we express our confidence in him and pray God's continued blessings upon him."

In recognition of his ten years of services the Convention Board voted the following resolutions of appreciation:

"As fellow workers in the Mississippi Baptist Convention and as messengers of our respective associations as members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, we wish to express our deep appreciation for the capable, energetic, and consecrated efforts of our beloved secretary, Dr. McCall.

We wish to express our confidence in his capable leadership and we pledge ourselves to the execution of the great program that he has outlined for Mississippi Baptists.

We feel that Dr. McCall has made an outstanding contribution to our Baptist life and that such contribution could not be in the reach of any man other than one that is God-called for this position.

We consider it a privilege or opportunity to work for and with such capable leadership and will give ourselves wholly to the task of doing God's will for Mississippi Baptists as manifest through the capable leadership of His servant."

The Executive Committee has repeatedly expressed its unwavering confidence in Dr. McCall.

Today Mississippi Baptists stand at the door of great achievement in soul-winning, Christian education, hospitalization, benevolences, missions at home and abroad. We shall open the door and go trekking for Christ.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilda, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

TAKE TIME!, a new book by Robert L. Middleton, author of *ACCENTS OF LIFE, OUR YOUTH FOR CHRIST*, and other volumes on inspirational and devotional themes for young people, will be released April 25, according to its publishers, Abingdon-Cokesburg Press of New York and Nashville.

TAKE TIME! is written especially for young people and adults caught up in the haste and confusion of present-day living. Its twenty-two well-rounded "meditations for life's enrichment" point out the necessity and value of "taking time" for periods of daily communion with God, and offer the pattern and materials for brief sessions of spiritual rest and renewal. Each meditation contains stories from everyday life, scripture readings, and concise "gems of thought" from prose and poetry.

Mr. Middleton writes realistically out of his experience and observation as a businessman and out of his clear understanding of the problems and tensions of contemporary life. He has been accountant of the Baptist Sunday School Board for the past 24 years, and for 14 years served as superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School of First Baptist Church in Nashville.

A recent survey by Porter Routh, Southern Baptist Statistician, shows that the churches that have training unions have 74.6 per cent of the total membership of Southern Baptist churches. It also shows that 22.2 per cent of these churches are actually enrolled in Training Union. It is interesting to note that 34 percent of the open country churches have Training Union. Mississippi's record will probably show us slightly above the average.

Panola County Has Leadership School

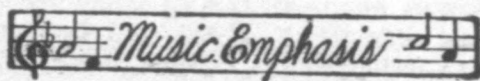
Under the direction of Associational Director Joseph Oliver the Panola Co. Associational Training Union had a Leadership School the week of April 10-15. The class work was in the Batesville church. Three state workers helped, Mr. Wilds and Misses Hill and Bryant. Mrs. Taylor Howard of Water Valley was also on the faculty teaching the intermediates, Mrs. Allen, of the Batesville church taught the Juniors, and the Story Hour children were taken care of each night by different ladies of the Batesville church. Mrs. John Dickens, Batesville director had much to do with local plans. Six churches, Batesville, Sardis, Courtland, Peach Creek, Pilgrim's Rest and Good Hope cooperated in the weeks work. All together it proved to be a helpful week with splendid cooperation through Friday night with conflicting attractions never-the-less.

Watch for the full page announcement about the District Conventions next week. It will be the back page and intended as a poster.

One Hundred and Twenty-Six Year Old Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln Co. Has Helpful Study Course

It was the pleasure of your State Training Union Secretary to spend four days with the Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln Co. in a most helpful study course. An interesting feature was the attendance grew every night, closing on Thursday night with a social in the spacious recreation room dedicated for that purpose. The pastor, Rev. Elton Barlow, and director Hoyt Case had made splendid preparations, and a fine spirit prevailed throughout the course. Their new brick church building is a dream of beauty. The pastor's home near by has recently been re-worked and has the conveniences of a city home. This church represents the spirit of progress in our open country churches.

Churches making up Training Union Districts One and Ten will take note of the change in time of their District Convention meeting. The meeting for District Ten—Smith, Scott, Simpson and Rankin—will be at D'Lo Monday June 20. The meeting for District One—Hinds, Warren, Copiah, Jefferson and Claiborne—will be at Bowmar Ave. Vicksburg, Tuesday June 21.



Message to Associational Music Festivals

It is time to be making preparation for the Ensemble and Hymn Playing Festivals to be held at the same time the other contests for training union are held. Many of the associations will be holding these events during the month of May, and below are two or three suggestions to the people leading in the ensemble and hymn playing. In most cases, the associational training union song leader will take care of the ensemble and hymn playing festivals.

Each church entering the above music program will notify the person in charge of the music upon arrival at the festival and contest church. It would be well for each church entering the music to notify the person in charge of the music several days in advance. This would make it possible to make advance preparation for taking care of this feature. The associational music leader should carefully check the piano well in advance and have the piano tuned, in case it needs tuning. The Training Union Association will be happy to help take care of the tuning expense.

The music leader will select at least three judges who will rate each ensemble and hymn player as to Superior, Excellent, Good, or Fair. The April 14, issue of the Baptist Record carried a complete list of judging points.

Each associational music leader is asked to send a list of ensembles and hymn players to the State Training Office immediately after the festival is held. This information will facilitate the training union District Conventions.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
Box 530 - - - Phone 3-9106 - - - Jackson
MRS. W. S. MANSKER, Office Secretary

THE COST OF DRINK

The American public is now spending an average of \$1,100,456 per hour for alcoholic beverages. This does not include the cost of poverty, property loss, crime, etc. caused by drink. Think of the waste of grain by breweries and distilleries so badly needed to feed the starving millions of the world today. It is estimated that the liquor interests used in 1948 was 39,295,948 bushels of corn, 64,678,107 bushels of barley, 302,281,030 pounds of rice, 368,824,006 pounds of rye, 366,007,385 pounds of sorghum, 193,275,206 pounds of sugar, 2,554,650 gallons of molasses, 1,969,966,181 of grapes and other fruits and 199,813,590 gallons of fruit juices. All of this was consumed by the wets to produce public enemy No. 1 which is undermining our nation. How long will a civilized nation tolerate such?

There were 4,518 local option elec-

tions held in 1948. The Dries won 2,518, the Wets 1,997, and three ended in a tie. About 27 million Americans are now in Dry territory.

Americans consumed 386 billion cigarettes during 1948, enough for nearly 8 cigarettes each day in the year for every man, woman, and child in the U. S.

Retail sales of cosmetics (excluding toilet soap) totaled \$687,600,000 during 1948.

Thursday afternoon, April 28, it was my privilege to speak on the radio in Yazoo City on the liquor question. The pastors arranged for a thirty minute broadcast so that the people of the county could get the message. This program was advertised well before-hand. This is a wonderful way to get our message to the people in our state. We should have more and more of these radio programs throughout the state.

1ST MERIDIAN OCCUPIES NEW EDUCATIONAL BLDG.

FULLY FURNISHED, PAID FOR

The First Baptist Church, Meridian, Dr. Norman W. Cox, Pastor, began the occupancy of their new thirty thousand square foot Educational Building Sunday, May 8, with the structure completed and furnished and fully paid for. This is the first of two buildings to be built by the First Church. The second, which is the Sanctuary, will be commenced as soon as funds are available for half its cost. Plans and specifications were prepared by W. R. Burk, Associated Architects and Engineers. Its architecture is American Colonial.

The Educational Building houses fifteen Sunday School Departments, Study, Offices, Library, Recreation Room, Parlor, Lounge, and Kitchens. It was planned to accommodate 1,267 in Sunday School.

By present construction costs, the Architect's estimate of the expense of the building and furniture would be \$350,000,000. Because the Church did not have a contractor, their Construction Committee and Pastor secured the services of a competent builder, E. J. Vaughn, and they let the sub-contracts and did all purchasing. A very substantial saving in cost was made.

The building is of semi-fireproof construction. Its walls are of steel and hollow tile with shale brick exterior. The windows are double hung Truscon steel sash. The door frames are steel. The roof is slate. Copper for flashing and sheet metal throughout.

This structure has ceramic tile wainscots in all halls, corridors, kitchens and toilets.

All the furniture is new. It includes fifteen Baldwin Pianos, 2,000 chairs, pews, tables, communication system, equipment for kitchens and dining rooms and appropriate furniture for Library, Parlor and Lounge.

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BRITISH BAPTIST MEMBERSHIP dropped from 351,533 to 343,798 during the past year. An increase was reported in Sunday school enrollment.



JEANNE NELMS

Shown above is Miss Jeanne Nelms, Gadsden, Ala., who has been elected Baptist Student Union president at Blue Mountain College for the session 1949-50.

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Report Family Altar Results

By JOE W. BURTON

Editor, Home Life

Many wonderful spiritual victories were won on Home Dedication Day last Sunday. Many new family altars have been established in this climax to the Southern Baptist campaign for 100,000 new family altars.

Many of these spiritual victories no doubt are worthy to be recorded in the archives kept by angels. Many surely will be recorded to the Baptist press throughout the land.

We want a report from every church and pastor. A postal card will do. Simply state the number of homes which have established family altars. Address your card to the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

One of the thrilling moments at the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City will be when the combined report of the family altar campaign is given. This report will be made at the Christian Home Service on Sunday afternoon, May 22.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary
PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate



A Juvenile Court Judge Declares....

"I am for this goal of 600,000 net gain in Sunday school enrollment. It may be that I believe in it a bit stronger than most people for I have had the opportunity of seeing the fruits of its work in my community. Take the Sunday school for example, and we know it isn't perfect, but I have observed that when boys and girls are regular attendants upon Sunday school very few become a problem of the court—and when the whole family goes to Sunday school there you have the positive guarantee of good citizens! This 600,000 drive is striking at the heart of the greatest weakness of the Sunday school—its failure to reach far enough!"

ON THE ROAD TO 600,000

Yes, sir, Southern Baptists are well on the road toward that 600,000 net Sunday school enrollment gain for this year. We believe that we shall reach it. Are you working at it? Many are.

Meridian Eighth Avenue has gained 35 enrollment since October 1. Hattiesburg First has gained 84. Siloam in Clay County has gained about 50. Greenwood First has gained 90, and Parkway Jackson has gained 130 during the first three months of 1949.

These are only a few of many such gains all over the state. Brother Superintendent, send us your enrollment gain since last October 1 and we shall encourage others by running that in this column.

If people need anything, it is the glorious message of life and light and salvation as revealed in the Bible. Let's do our very best to get them to the church where the Word is taught and preached.

FIRST IN FORTY-NINE

Congratulations to Canaan church, Benton association, and pastor Rev. Clarence Palmer for the first Vacation Bible school report for this year. They had two professions of faith also.

Our thanks for the second such report go to the Magee church and pastor Rev. J. B. Smith.

These are the first of hundreds of Vacation Bible school reports that will be coming to us from now until the end of the summer.

What a great and glorious opportunity await thousands of our boys and girls in these Vacation schools this year! Many of them will come to know Christ as a personal Saviour. Many of them will be strengthened in their Christian lives. Many of

them will for the first time find a definite place of service that will bring joy to them.

Let's go all-out this year in these Vacation Bible school opportunities. Write us for a package of the free promotional literature.

APRIL STANDARDS

Queen Esthers, Intermediate, Vicksburg First, Miss Nell Petterson, teacher; 16-Year Boys, Intermediate, Hattiesburg Fifth Ave., Mr. L. C. English; Bethany, Adult, Meridian First, Mrs. Frank Heiss; J. O. Y., Adult, Jackson Northside, Mrs. W. C. Morgan; Primary Department, Kosciusko First, Mrs. J. C. Davidson, superintendent; Extension Group, No. 3, Hattiesburg First, Mrs. Grady Harrison, Visitor, and Mrs. Rhea G. Smith, department superintendent.

Our thanks for all these standard units.

Through March 31, only Texas, Oklahoma and Florida had more Standard Adult classes than Mississippi. Also, Mississippi was one of only four states having a standard Young People's Dept., and one of only five states having a standard Adult Dept.

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Baptists Are Not Protestants

By M. E. Dodd, D. D.

There are four main religious groups in this country, namely: (1) Jews, (2) Baptists, (3) Roman Catholics, (4) Protestants. Baptists have never protested anybody's religion. Protestants came out of the Catholic church, protesting certain doctrines and practices of the Catholics. Baptists did not come out of the Catholic church. Baptists started out with John the Baptist, and there were Baptists 400 years before there were Catholics. As a matter of historic fact, the Catholics split from the Baptists.

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Reports Church Membership Passes 80 Million Mark

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—Church membership in the United States has passed the 80,000,000 mark and now constitutes 54.9 per cent of the total population, according to a new census of religious bodies published in the 1949 Southern Baptist Handbook, released here.

Porter Routh, editor of the Handbook, reported that church membership showed a gain of 3.1 per cent during 1948, compared with 2.3 per cent for 1947.

Forty-eight Protestant groups, with a membership of more than 50,000 each, report a total membership of 46,665,747, compared with 45,031,194 in 1948. The Roman Catholic Church reported 26,075,697, compared with 25,268,173 in 1948. Jewish congregations and smaller groups make the total church membership reported 80,246,124.

An incomplete report shows 25,261,923 enrolled in Sunday schools or parochial schools.

The Handbook report indicates there are now 265,845 congregations in the United States.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Box 530 — Phone 2-1600 — Jackson

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

BETTY PRESSON, Office Secretary

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Belhaven has contributed \$45. Ole Miss, \$108, and Pearl River Jr., \$21, bringing the total offering for our Summer Missionaries, as of this writing, to \$413.81 and leaving approximately \$1,100 to be raised. Most of the campuses are yet to be heard from but time is short. We are hoping all three of our appointees will be sent out, but we shall be able to send only as many as the money received will permit. If you plan to contribute, please do so right away. Our representatives—Gwen Compere, of Miss. College, and Norma Jean John and Laura Thompson, of Blue Mountain, are ready to witness for Christ wherever they may be sent, but they need to know definitely whether they will be sent, and where, as soon as possible. Being laid up almost two weeks with the currently popular malady known as virus pneumonia is no fun, we can tell you, especially when one knows how, as the days pass, correspondence, et cetera, is piling up on our fine half-time office secretary who continually labors under the handicap of always having before her the work of about two full-time office secretaries.

But we have determined by the help of the Lord, to do the best we can with what we have and to quit worrying about what we are unable to do. Our doctor advised us that we had better adopt this policy for a change. We shall continue to hope and pray for more help later. Are you going to Ridgecrest? Hope you are. Registration fee is \$2, round trip bus fare, \$20, per person, due in this office not later than May 31. We're thankful to learn of more and more Youth Revivals being planned. A fine Senior from Miss. State writes: "With the world situation as it is today no nation, in my estimation, needs Christianity more than the United States. I have learned a great deal and I believe I have grown in the Christian spirit and faith. BSU has a lot to offer students today though I do feel that it is falling short in many things. I assure you that when this boy graduates that you have one staunch layman that is behind the program of the BSU wholeheartedly." Chas. A. Wells, Editor of Between The Lines, Globe-trotting Journalist, and Disseminator of Truth, is to be at Miss. State next week.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SEEK 459 FM STATIONS

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—Four hundred and fifty-nine Southern Baptist churches from thirteen states and the District of Columbia have signed tentative applications for low power frequency modulation radio stations, according to Dr. R. Alton Reed, director of radio activities for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Texas churches have asked for 168 of the ten-watt stations and the next highest request came from North Carolina for 72.

Erection of the stations must await Federal Communications Commission approval of a Baptist petition to allow churches to operate in the radio educational band.

Should educational broadcasters protest the petition, a hearing before the Commission will be necessary.

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REV. J. E. CRANFORD

Whereas, on March 28, 1949, God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call home our beloved pastor, Rev. J. E. Cranford; and,

Whereas, during the two and one half years ministry at this place, he proved himself an able and faithful preacher and pastor, endearing himself to the membership of the Church; and,

Whereas, his pastorate was marked by the most forward and progressive period in the history of the Church as evidenced by the increased giving to all causes, by addition of church facilities, by increased attendance and interest in all phases of the work; and,

Whereas, he has left behind loved ones deserving of our deepest sympathy. Be it Resolved, that we express our sympathy in the loss of their loved one to the family of the beloved dead.

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the permanent record of this Church, that a copy be presented to the wife and family of Mr. Cranford, and that a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for publication.

Committee:
G. B. ROBINSON
A. T. GLAZE
O. D. DANIEL



Shown above is one of the several signs around Canton welcoming people to the churches and their services.

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SWOR LEADS NEW ALBANY IN REVIVAL MEETING

1085 in S. S., 551 in BTU
Dr. Chester E. Swor, beloved Mississippian, led the First Church of New Albany, in one of its greatest weeks in all of her history during the week of April 10-17, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Davis.

Services were held twice daily, at seven in the morning and at seven-thirty each evening and from the very first morning there were more than two hundred at the morning service and the house was packed for the evening services, and on Easter Sunday there was an overflow.

The Sunday School on Easter Sunday reached an all time high in attendance, having 1085. The Training Union also had an attendance of 551.

There were 26 additions during the meeting.

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THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION will meet May 30-June 3 in San Francisco.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

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Community Missions IS OUR MISSION. Today, as never before in the whole Christian era, perhaps, is this true because of the closeness of human relationships around the world. Christian and non-Christian mingled together within groups, races and nations; the non-Christian either consciously or unconsciously weighing and measuring Christians about them, makes it imperative for every Christian to become a missionary in her own community.

Since there is so much to be done in every community to make it really Christian the question should never be "What counts as Community Missions?" but rather "What am I doing to make my community Christian?" If our communities are Christianized America can be saved. If America is saved the whole world will be vitally changed. So let us look at Community Missions as the first step in world missions. The constraining love of Jesus should prompt every visit made, every service rendered and every sinner sought. The example of Him who "went about doing good" is our constant inspiration. His command to "Let your light so shine—that they seeing your good works," etc. be regarded as not only our greatest obligation but our highest privilege and joy as well. If Community Missions is ever put on this high plane in any local society it will be when there are:

Committees committed to the task—spiritually prepared.

Others enlisted—the aim of community missions is not only to win souls and gain other spiritual results, but to enlist ALL the women and young people in doing of it.

Members informed—as to needs of community, revealed by a thorough survey, the true objectives of a community mission program to meet those needs. A study of Guide for Community Missions will be invaluable.

More members praying will make an approach to Community Missions as has not been seen before. The whole program should be undergirded with prayer. Faith will be increased, experience deepened.

Utilize and cooperate with outside agencies information secured and contacts gained through departments of public health, welfare, education, civic clubs, etc., will be valuable in planning community mission activities.

Never permit disappointments to discourage. All things are possible with God and those who refuse to give up.

Interest in and love for people—an absolute MUST for the chairman of Community Missions and should be for the members as well.

Take time to report accurately—the only way to check the thoroughness of the work. Reports are to the organization what grades are to the student. They show progress or lack.

Youth included in all the planning—even more thought should be given to the missionary activities of young people than adults—consult

with counselors frequently.

Community Missions will be:

Meeting the need of:

Interest in alcohol education that leads to study and action.

Seeing the opportunities for work with the sick, the aged, poor and needy.

Solving the illiteracy problem through help in adult education.

Inviting New-comers, indifferent, unaffiliated Baptists and unsaved people to attend various activities of church.

Organizing and helping in mission Sunday Schools and services in prisons and other institutions.

Neglect no opportunity to present Christ to the unsaved about us.

Sharing Christian ideals and standards with people of other races around us.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number W. M. S. in state	750
No. reporting	558
No. Y. P. organizations	1,506
No. reporting	907
No. W. M. S. members	23,184
No. engaged in community missions	5,703
No. Y. P. members	21,054
No. engaged in Com. M.	1,718

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BAPTISTS PUSHING MAN AND BOY MOVEMENT

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss.—(RNS)—Brotherhoods in Southern Baptist churches are sponsoring a "Man and Boy Movement" to enlist boys for Sunday school and church.

The plan is for men to take unenrolled boys to Sunday school for four consecutive Sundays. It is assumed that the boy will become the responsibility of the class after four weeks. A certificate is presented to each man responsible for getting a boy to attend four Sundays.

W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary for Mississippi, presented Man and Boy certificates at the First Baptist church here, and addressed a special service for men and boys.

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The Joy of Being An Editor

Getting out the Record is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we stick close to the office all day, we ought to go around hunting material.

If we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius;

And if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk!

If we edit the other fellow's write-up, we're too critical;

If we don't we're asleep.

If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't we are struck on our own stuff.

Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some magazine.*

*We did!

Southwestern Rural Church And Community Conference To Meet June 27-July 1 At Fort Worth, Texas

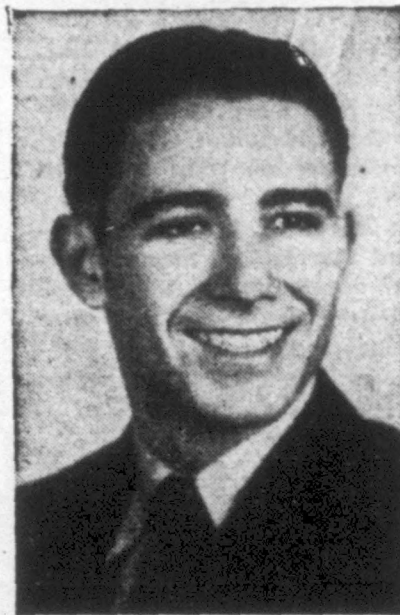
The second annual Southwestern Rural Church and Community Conference has been scheduled for June 27-July 1, 1949 on the Southwestern Baptist Seminary campus.

This year's conference will include many of the same personalities and features of last year's meeting, plus other outstanding leaders of the south in this field. Some of the speakers and conference leaders already scheduled include: Dr. John D. Freeman and Dr. S. F. Dowis of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Dan Russell and Dr. Ide P. Trotter of Texas A. & M.; Dr. Ben Bridges, State Executive Secretary of Arkansas; together

with J. F. McClelland, C. W. Caldwell, Sam W. Scanlan, Bruce Maples, Directors of Rural Work in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, respectively. Rev. Otis Denny, Associational Missionary in the Ozarks of Arkansas, will also be on the program. The program will be designed to help our denominational leadership working in rural areas.

Rooms may be secured in the Seminary dormitories, and meals will be served in the cafeteria. Those desiring accommodations should write, Business Office Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

William Ferrell Is Named RA Secretary In Alabama



REV. WILLIAM FERRELL

Rev. William Ferrell, native of Greenville has been elected Royal Ambassador secretary for Alabama by the W. M. U. of that state. He will begin his new work on May 23, soon after his graduation from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. A 1946 graduate of Mississippi College, he will be awarded the B.D. degree.

Mrs. Ferrell is the former Opal Young of Clinton.

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Blue Mountain BSU Elects Officers For Next Session

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., May 4—The following Baptist Student Union Council members have been elected at Blue Mountain College for next session:

President, Jeanne Nelms, Gadsden, Ala.; first vice-president, Maurice Sparkman, Pine Bluff, Ark.; second vice-president, Nell Davis, Charleston; third vice-president, Rosalind Owens, Clanton, Ala.; fourth vice-president, Nancy Kelly, Ecu; Young Woman's Auxiliary president, Sylvia Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; Baptist Training Union Director, Vickie Flowers, Terry; Sunday School superintendent, Cynthia Porter, Townville, S. C.; pianist, Mary D. Wilds, Oxford; music director, Lois Baker, Carbondale, Ill.; art director, Rebecca Tune, Tupelo; Life Service president, Esther Thornhill, Wetumpka, Ala.; publicity director, Marie Claypool; Librarian, Dorothy Muse, Florence, Ala.; secretary, Voncille Haire, Vardaman; treasurer, Carolyn Phelps, Louisville, Ky.; Methodist representative, Lila Jean Jones, Barlett, Tenn.; local representative, Zelma Day Cruise, Liberty; student government representative, Charla Walters, Laurel; freshman representative, Willie Vesta Winslett, Laurel; faculty adviser, Professor A. M. Donnell.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

Pastor E. T. Mobberly of Leland reports a five day meeting with the Arcola Church, with five additions; of these three were for baptism. Dr. W. A. Borum preached.

The Mississippi College bath house was reported destroyed by fire with only \$300 insurance.

Rev. Bryan Simmons, just returned from the Seminary, accepts the two half-time churches at Flora and Brandon, making his home at Flora.

25 YEARS AGO

Seventy-two were added to the membership of the First Church, Grenada, in a meeting in which Rev. R. Q. Leavell did the preaching. The pastor was W. E. Farr.

E. C. Williams, business manager of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, resigns to take up the work in the Sunday School Department of Mississippi Baptists.

The Purser B. Y. P. U. of the Hazlehurst Church reports that they had had six conversions which makes them a "union with every member a Christian."

The First Church, Columbus, exultantly reports as having "passed the 900 mark" in attendance at Sunday school, and have set 1,000 as goal for next Sunday.

The Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg, worshipped for the first time in their new auditorium the first Sunday in May.

Pastor R. L. Wallace of the Morton Church reports a good revival meeting with thirty-one additions to the membership.

A beautiful and very lengthy tribute is given to Mrs. Mary Joiner Solomon, mother of Dr. E. D. Solomon now of Florida, who recently died at the age of 97. She was spoken of as a "Keeper at home" and a great "Benefactress Abroad," active to the very end of life, doing all her house work, read without glasses, did beautiful crochet and embroidery work, and won the prize at county fair two months before her death as the best horse-woman present.

Pastor's Anti-Gambling Crusade Gets Results

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(RNS)—The Rev. Holland B. London's one-man crusade against gambling and vice in this city has taken effect on both the board of police commissioners and the bookmakers against whom he is especially warring.

Many of the latter were closed to inquiring newsmen after the Church of the Nazarene pastor had placed a bet on a horse-race with a local bookmaker to show Governor Forest Smith that gambling was going on openly.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL
For May 15 TEACHINGS CONCERN-
ING THE JUDGMENT: ANOINTING AT
BETHANY. Mark 13; 14:1-9.

I. The Temple To Be Destroyed Mark 13:1-2

He prophesied the utter destruction of the temple, which event took place some forty years after this prophecy. The Roman soldiers under command of Titus destroyed the splendid temple of Herod.

II. Warning and Comfort Mark 13:5-13

False Christs will come and strive to lead people astray. Beware of them. Wars shall come and rumors of war. None of them are to be taken as a sure procuser of the end. For His sake, His followers will suffer great persecution, but they are to stand faithful to Him. His followers will be hauled into the courts of the Jews and the gentiles, but they are not to fear that they shall be left defenseless; for the Holy Spirit will make through them their defense before the councils and the courts.

III. Warning of the Coming Tribulation Mark 13:14-23.

I think the fulfillment of this condition came with the siege of Jerusalem. When the Christians saw the closing-in of the Roman army, they were to flee the city, making no delay in getting out of it. This they are reported to have done, making the little city of Pella beyond the Jordan their refuge. Ce%74hl yond the Jordan their refuge. It is claimed that in the great slaughter of the Jews during the siege, not a single Christian met death, and this as consequence of their having acted upon this advice of the Lord.

IV. The Certainty of the Lord's Return Mark 13:24-27

"Then will they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." He is coming back to gather His own, but no one knows when, though the Jewish race "this generation," this tribe, this race, shall not pass away before His return shall take place.

V. The Exhortation to Preparation Mark 13:28-37

By every sign the Lord here gives, know ye that His coming draws that much the nearer. You start a journey on an unfamiliar road, and a friend describes certain landmarks by the way. As you pass one after another of them, you know you are drawing the nearer your destination. So when you see any of the things the Lord here describes as preceding His coming, know that His coming is by the sign nearer. But this above all: Be ready. Now; just now! Before I write another sentence, or before or while you read this column, He may be here. Be ready!

V. Anointing at Bethany Mark 14:3-9; Matt. 26:6-13; John 12:1-8

1. Six days before the passover, in the last week of His life.

2. At Bethany, the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus. In the home of Simon the leper, no doubt a man of some means.

3. It has been guessed that Simon was the husband of Martha, and it has even been guessed that Simon had died before the event here recorded.

4. My own guess (it is not my guess originally, but I'm blessed if I can remember just whose guess it is) is that Martha's house being small, she went to Simon, a fine business man, and requested the use of his house for the evening, because his was a more commodious house than her own. And Simon, the fine business man was glad to accede to Martha's request. A blessing on all such men and women as put

Convention To Hear Family Altar Report

By **JOE W. BURTON**
Editor, Home Life

An inspirational service featuring family worship has been planned for the Christian home period at the Convention in Oklahoma City, Sunday afternoon, May 22.

A report of the Southern Baptist Campaign for 100,000 new family altars will be given during the service.

The principal message of the afternoon will be brought by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, warmhearted executive secretary of the Sunday School Board and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

A choir of several hundred voices from Oklahoma City churches is being developed for the occasion by W. J. Reynolds, choir director of First Baptist Church.

The service of the afternoon will be introduced by a family worship period with a family altar scene depicted by an Oklahoma City family.

Another feature of the service will be a four person panel discussion of "The Christian Home Today and Tomorrow."

The service will be concluded with a period of dedication to Christian home building.

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LONDON (RNS)—BAPTIST church membership in Great Britain dropped from 351,533 to 343,798 during 1948, according to a report presented to the annual assembly here of the Baptist Union. However, an increase of 13,000 was reported in Sunday school.

their homes at the disposal of Jesus!

5. I think Jesus' words and general bearing had created in the mind of this fine woman, Martha, a feeling that He was not to be with them much longer, and this was a sort of farewell party given by her in His honor, for Him and His. The supper was a tribute of love paid in Martha's own way. She also will be remembered for this tribute of her love as long as the gospel shall be preached in the world.

6. Mary's love for Jesus was no more ardent than Martha's, but it was Mary's love expressed according to Mary. She brought what she had, her cruse of precious ointment, and gave it as the tribute of her love, to Jesus.

7. The love of these fine women was not strained. They poured it forth in all its bountiful fullness without stint or limit. And as far as I know, they served Him for the only reason He wants any service from anybody. Do you love Him? Express it in the way He expresses His love for you: In gifts of the most precious you have. You do not love Him? My judgment is that He wants nothing from you in that case.

8. The objection of the practical business man—Judas. Count the cost! Serve Him, but get by with it as cheaply as you can! So the hard-headed, practical business man. I think that, as far as the Lord is concerned, you may withhold that service.

VI. The Woman's Monument Mark 14:8-9

"She did what she HAD." That is, she did the best she could with what she had. Well how well did I do with what I had? How well did you? Wherever in the world this gospel—this gospel of a great love, this gospel of the spreading perfume, this gospel of love that counted not the cost, of the love that is nothing withholding—shall be preached, that which this woman has done shall be told as a monument to her. Corrosion may eat brass tablets, but this monument shall endure forever.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

Associational Brotherhood Rallies

The Associational Brotherhood Rallies for the second quarter of this year are just around the corner. The meetings are to begin May 31 and continue through June. The theme for the quarterly meetings is to be "Christian Education." In a few instances, the programs will vary due to local conditions. We are listing below the information that we have on hand regarding the dates and meeting places.

May 31—Jones County Association—Sharon.
May 31—Deer Creek Association—Hollandale.
June 2—Gulf Coast Association—First Church, Gulfport.
June 3—Pearl River County Association—Juniper Grove.
June 6—Leflore County Association—Calvary Church, Greenwood.
June 6—Jackson County Association—Wade.
June 7—Lebanon Association—River Avenue.
June 7—Lauderdale County Association—

tion—First Baptist.

June 10—Pike County Association—Magnolia.
June 13—Hinds-Warren Association—Terry.
June 14—Jeff-Davis County Association—
June 14—Simpson County Association—Athens.
June 16—Newton County Association—Duffee.
June 17—Copiah County Association—
June 17—George County Association—Lucedale.
June 20—Walthall County Association—Enon.
June 21—Marion County Association—Clear Creek.
June 24—Lincoln County Association—First Church, Brookhaven.
June 28—Rankin County Association—Antioch.

The following Associations will likely meet, but we do not have their meeting dates or meeting places: Madison County Association, Tippah County Association, and Leake County Association.

CLARKE COLLEGE ALUMNI BANQUET TO BE HELD AT NOON ON JUNE 2

The Clarke Memorial College annual Alumni Banquet will be held at noon on June 2, 1949. Alumni should note that it will be held at the noon hour instead of at night as has been the case heretofore.

The program for the day will afford two good reasons for all former students' and alumni's attending. At 10:30 in the morning will be the graduating exercises for the class of 1949 and the banquet at the noon hours.

Everyone who is planning to come is requested to notify the Secretary, sending his dollar for his plate, at the earliest possible moment.

Baptists, Disciples Plan Joint Meetings

CLEVELAND (RNS)—Leaders of the Northern Baptist Convention and Disciples of Christ, in session here, agreed to hold simultaneous conventions in 1952 as preliminary to a merger vote, probably the following year.

At the simultaneous conventions, it is planned to have several joint meetings of the delegates so that each group may become better acquainted with the activities of the other.

Also, as a preliminary to the merger vote, it is planned to have an informal meeting of Disciples and Baptists in Green Lake, Wis., during July, 1950.

MISS. SOUTHERN BSU INSTALLS COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Mississippi Southern College Baptist Student Union Council had its annual Installation Service Sunday night, April 24, at the First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. The candle light service was conducted by Rev. Riley Munday, the BSU secretary at Southern. The purpose of the BSU on the campus is to tie the Baptist students to the local churches. The out-going council turned over their responsibilities to the in-coming council, and they are as follows:

OFFICE	OLD	NEW
President	Joyce Saxon	Bobby Kingsberry
1st vice president	Eva Nell Pickel	John Boozer
2nd vice president	Emily Mitchell	Lula Delle Fancher
3rd vice president	Durward Smith	Betty McDonnial
Secretary	Mary Alice Fancher	Millie Murray
Reporter	Charlotte Myers	Mary Tom Williams
Pianist	Jean Wells Benoist	Martha Frances Cleveland
Stewardship chairman	Ellis Kelly	Leo McWhorter
Librarian	Claudine Rawls	Betty Lu Coston
Publicity chairman	Billie Jane Shotts	Eva Nell Pickel
Student council representative	Clayton Young	Emily Mitchell
Magazine representative	Hulda Leake	Bobby Abrams
Ridgecrest representative	Martha Ann Fancher	Catherine Carpenter
Talent chairman	Bobby Kingsberry	Billie Jane Shotts
Extension chairman	John Boozer	Herbert Sheperd
Historian	Willie Pugh	Joe Anderson
Editor, BSU Beacon	Lula Delle Fancher	Buddy Oliver
Y. W. A. representative	Frances Price	Faye Ford
Married Students representative	Fitz Dabney	Betty Lou Smith
Dramatic chairman		
Chorister	Rita Dabbs	
Faculty advisor	Dr. W. H. Sumrall	John Wills
Church representatives		
First Baptist, MONTY LOWREY		
Fifth Avenue, PHILIP SLADE		
Main Street, CARL LITTLE		

Alaska Simultaneous Revival Results In 162 New Members

W. D. WYATT

Alaska Baptists engaged in their first Simultaneous Revival Campaign March 13-27 under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews, Secretary of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board. Southern Baptists now have five churches in Alaska, two in Anchorage and one each in Fairbanks, Juneau, and Ketchikan. Northern Baptists have only one church in Alaska, at Kodiak in connection with their orphanage there.

All five Southern Baptist Churches are engaged in the Campaign. Dr. James W. Middleton of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, was evangelist with pastor B. I. Carpenter and the Church at Ketchikan. Dr. David M. Gardner, Editor of "The Baptist Standard" of Texas, was evangelist with W. A. Petty and the Juneau church. Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, was with Rev. Orland R. Cary and the Church at Fairbanks. Dr. Matthews was with pastor F. H. Griffin at First Church, Anchorage; and the writer, W. D. Wyatt, First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, served with Rev. Odell Lene at the Government Hill Church of Anchorage.

March was chosen as the best time for the revivals since days and nights are about equal at that time and the spring thaw is only beginning. In winter, daylight is at a premium, and in summer the Alaskans are too much occupied with other matters—making haste to build during the brief summer opportunity.

All of the revivals were successful and encouraging to the churches. Two churches more than doubled their membership during the two weeks. Total membership in the five churches for the last Convention year was 487. The Campaign added 162, or an increase of about one-third in over-all membership. Ninety-five were received for baptism.

The revivals gave good publicity to the Baptist cause in Alaska. Newspapers and radios responded in a fine way. The Alaska Command was sufficiently impressed that a survey trip by air to Nome was arranged for a part of the evangelists and pastors. The churches of Alaska are on a permanently higher plane as a result of the Campaign. Alaska Baptists are convinced of the abiding interest of Southern Baptists in their work. The churches themselves are more united and the Alaska Convention in better cooperation. A pattern has been set for future soul-winning campaigns both in Alaska and elsewhere.

Alaska is a beautiful and a rich territory. It is being developed fast. The Department of the Interior predicts an ultimate population of 10,000,000. Mineral wealth is great. The possibilities for water power are almost unlimited. The land is rich, and farming is feasible in southern and southeastern Alaska. Fir and spruce forests are vast. Oil reserves are largely unexplored, but tremendous.

A Baptist Airforce Chaplain states: "The white man has brought to Alaska profanity, whisky, tuberculosis,



Illinois Baptists are inviting the 1950 session of the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Chicago, the largest city in the Convention and second in the nation. Highway mileage from all state Baptist headquarters to Chicago appears on the above map. Beyond the 5,500 rooms already guaranteed in eight hotels, the Chicago Convention Bureau pledges 1,500 more rooms in other hotels for a total of 6,500. Additional rooms can be found in the 1,385 hotels in Chicago which can accommodate 225,000 guests daily.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS GET PLANE TRIPS

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(RNS)—A 38-year-old Memphis pastor made 40 plane flights in a single day to keep his promise to children in his Sunday school.

Dr. Leo L. Pysher, pastor of Central Christian church, had promised air plane rides to members of his Christian Youth Fellowship as a reward for regular attendance. It took almost seven hours in a rented three-seater cabin plane before Dr. Pysher, a former Air Force pilot, could write "mission accomplished" on his log.

The kids—ranging in age from six to 14 years—began assembling at the private airport two hours before the first scheduled flight at 9 a. m. Dr. Pysher took them up two or three at a time, and even included a few parents.

and venereal disease. It is time now to give Alaskans the Gospel. "Christ is the Answer" for Alaska. It is good to see Baptists getting a firm and permanent foothold. The pastors and their people are laboring heroically and giving sacrificially. The need is equal to the opportunity. All of the churches need better buildings. One pastor's wife gave a city block to the Alaska Convention for the beginning of an orphans' home. The tract sold for \$12,000. Twenty-five acres have been set aside at Anchorage for a Baptist College of Alaska. These Kingdom enterprises would be wonderful investments for Baptists of means here in the States. We should have Baptist churches in Nome, Palmer, Sitka, Wrangell, Petersburg, Cordova, Valdez, and other growing towns. God will be calling some of our finest young people to plant the Christian flag in these far-away places, but they will need financial support from the homeland for the initial years. The Home Mission Board plans to enter Alaska in earnest this year. Alaska needs our prayers, our money, and our men. Our oldest church there, First Church, Anchorage, has been organized only a little over five years. The growth of all of the churches is very encouraging. The Door to Alaska for Southern Baptists is wide open, and Southern Baptists are in Alaska to stay.

RESOLUTIONS

Since Rev. W. H. Wood, feeling led by the Holy Spirit, has severed his relationship as Pastor of the Carson Baptist Church of Carson, Mississippi, to accept the pastorate of Sylvaena Church of Sylvaena and to do Missionary work in Jasper County;

Be it Therefore Resolved: That we take this means of expressing to him and his fine family our regrets at their departure from this field of labor. Though we feel keenly our great loss, nevertheless, may we be submissive to God's will Praying the Lord's richest blessings on them as they leave our midst.

Be it Resolved: That since Rev. W. H. Wood assumed this Pastorate, a little more than two years ago, the work has grown in manifold ways.

Whereas, under the consecrated leadership of this servant of God, the Church launched out and Standardized the Sunday School and under his leadership. Every phase of the church work has expanded, the membership increased. The largest financial program in the history of the Church has been sponsored successfully. Souls have been born into the Kingdom under his leadership; too, he has ministered unto the flock in joys and sorrows, thereby proving a great blessing.

Be it further Resolved: That as a result of Rev. W. H. Wood's leadership and prayer life there exists and has existed during these years a spirit of cooperation and brotherly love in the church which has lent much to this fruitful ministry and the advancement of the work.

Be it further Resolved: As this fine Pastor and his family go into another field of service that our prayers and unselfish love go with them ever rejoicing with them in the Lord as they endeavor to accomplish bigger and better things for the Master.

Be it Lastly Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be given Rev. Wood, a copy sent to the State Paper, another to be sent to the Baptist Church, at Sylvaena, Miss., and one placed on the minutes of our church.

The members of the Carson Baptist Church, Carson, Mississippi.

Signed:
MRS. STANLEY WORTHY
Church Clerk.

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A PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY, just returned from Japan, reported that General MacArthur believes one of the best ways to combat Communism in Japan would be to distribute 10,000,000 copies of the New Testament.

US Sells 'Bargain' Sites At Oak Ridge

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—Uncle Sam is giving church organizations a "bargain" in sites for new churches at the atomic city of Oak Ridge. A flat price of \$150 per acre is being placed on land sold to church organizations.

Fifteen religious groups already have made their selections from a list of sites. Fred W. Ford, acting director of the Office of Community Affairs, said sites are "for church use under the master plan which is being used as a guide for future community development."

Deeds will specify that church construction must begin within five years and be completed within seven years from the date of purchase. The land must be used for church purposes.

Churches are the only group to whom land has thus far been sold.

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BOND DRIVE LAUNCHING SHIFTED FROM SUNDAY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A \$1,040,000,000 National Savings Bond drive, originally set for Sunday, May 15, will be launched instead on Monday, May 16, according to a Treasury department announcement.

Abandonment of the Sunday date followed protests by clergymen of Independence, Mo., President Truman's home town, where the "kick-off" ceremony will take place.

The four radio networks were scheduled to broadcast the ceremonies, which call for a parade with a score of bands, and also a rally in Kansas City with movie stars and a speech by President Truman.

The Treasury announcement about the change in plans did not refer to the ministerial protest.

"Owing to circumstances beyond his control," the Treasury said in a statement, "the President has asked the four radio networks to use Monday, instead of Sunday, in opening the bond drive."

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RUSSIAN BAPTISTS SNUB WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

LONDON—(RNS)—Russian Baptist authorities have declined to send representatives to the third World Baptist Youth Congress scheduled to take place in Stockholm, Sweden, August 3-9.

Their decision was announced in a letter received at Baptist youth headquarters here from the All-Union Council of Evangelicals and Baptists in the U. S. S. R., located in Moscow.

The Russian group said its decision was based on its opposition to special work among youth.

"Our young believers," the Moscow organization declared, "are not divided by special organizations from the general body of believers in our churches, but a striving for evangelical faith in one spirit with all children goes on within our congregations."

"For these reasons, to appoint representatives of our young people to the forthcoming congress in Stockholm would be to distinguish between youth and the whole body of believers. This is a policy we seek consciously to avoid and we do not wish to depart from that principle."

3 Baptist D.P. Families To Live In Mississippi

Three Baptist displaced persons families have been approved by the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Mississippi, it was announced yesterday.

These families represent thirteen people, coming from Austria, Germany and Italy, according to Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative.

Persons sponsoring these families in Mississippi are: Clyde R. Ashe, Senatobia, 2 families; and Mrs. J. A. Ford, Clinton, 1 family.

There are approximately 9,000 Baptist displaced persons in Europe for whom the Southern Baptist and Baptist World Alliance relief committees feel a special responsibility, according to Gage. The present Displaced Persons Act passed by the 80th Congress of the United States provided for the entry of 200,000 displaced persons into the United States in a two-year period. In order to come to this country, d. p.'s must have sponsors who are willing to assure our government that the d. p.'s will have jobs and homes without displacing Americans and that inland transportation for the d. p.'s will be provided. (Ocean transportation from Europe to the United States is provided free of charge by the International Refugee Organization of the United Nations.) Sponsors must also assure the government that the d. p.'s will not become a charge on public funds.

Displaced persons are available in almost every job classification and are qualified as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, cabinet makers, nurses aids, domestic servants, etc.

For information contact the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans, La.

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Radio Hour Installs Recording Equipment SETS SOUTHWIDE PATTERN

By REV. A. L. GATEWOOD
Chairman, Mississippi Baptist
Radio Committee

The Radio Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board announces the installation of modern recording equipment in the Studio of the Baptist Building for use in the Mississippi Baptist Hour. This equipment is being used at the present time and will mean a better program for the Baptist Hour at a fraction of the cost of transcriptions in the past.

The equipment used is the latest in professional tape recording equipment and has a better quality than can be obtained from disc recordings. It is the same type equipment that the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is installing in the Baptist Radio Center of Atlanta.

Mississippi Baptists were the first to install such equipment and it means that the Convention Board Radio Committee is even setting examples for our Southwide work since we have been using this type equipment for six months prior to its use by the "Southern Baptist Hour."

Mississippi Baptists are urged to observe this equipment together with



FIRST BAPTIST D. P. FAMILY—

The Jekabs SUDMALIS family shown above is the first to come to America under the Southern Baptist-Baptist World Alliance Displaced Persons Resettlement program. Left to right, they are: Richard, Verena, Jekabs, and Rasma Sudmalis. They will live in Memphis, Tennessee, under the sponsorship of Mr. C. T. Pennebacker. The Sudmalises lived in Vainode, Latvia, and were driven out of their home by the Germans. They sailed for America April 24. Nearly six thousand Baptist Displaced Persons in Europe are eligible for resettlement in America if the proper sponsorships are available. For details on how you can help, write Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, La.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- May 16—Southern W. M. U. Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City; H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs, Chairman of District 3, Woman's College Endowment Campaign.
- May 17—Miss Myrtle Cawood, Blue Mountain faculty; Robert B. Camp, Gulf Coast Association of Brotherhood president.
- May 18—Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City; W. M. Bell, District 9 Training Union President.
- May 19—Carolyn Madison, State Sunday School Elementary Secretary;
- May 20—Dr. D. M. Nelson, president, Mississippi College; Charlie Morgan, Liberty, Convention Board member.
- May 21—Mr. W. S. Freeland, Lucedale, District VII WMU Young People's Counselor; M. L. Flynt, Jr., Meridian, Baptist Hospital trustee.
- May 22—BSU Southern Baptist Convention Day.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and accepted:

- Dale McCoy, Ashdown, Ark., from Cabot.
- Junius E. Foster, First Lawrenceville, Va., from Venable St., Richmond.
- Arvis Britton, First, Hayden, Ariz., from Elsinore Church, Phoenix.
- Gay L. McGlothlin, Immanuel, Nashville.
- Henry Mangum, Winter Park, Fla., from Hastings, Fla.
- S. J. Meader, First, River, Mo., from Brookland, Mo.
- J. B. Murphy, Grandview, Tex., from Ozone, Texas.
- F. L. Hacker, North Charlotte, Charlotte, N. C.
- John G. McCall, Mooreville, N. C.

our modern studio in the Baptist Building at Jackson.

Biloxi First Has Growing Pains

PEOPLE TURNED AWAY, NEW DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED

By G. C. HODGE, D. D.

People were turned away from the morning preaching service of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, for the first time a few Sundays ago. Our main auditorium seats 1,200, and that many people were seated. About a hundred more were in the library and two nurseries. Others finding the crowded condition returned home and listened to the service over the radio.

Two nurseries are open every Sunday during the Sunday School and preaching services. Both are completely overflowed every Sunday.

The Lord adds to our Church Sunday by Sunday such as should be saved. Nine were added last Sunday, May 1, and another of our fine young men surrendered to the call to preach.

More Ushers

The following men were, in our last business meeting, elected to serve as ushers. They will begin service as soon as they can study, "The Ushers Manual," and be trained for service: Max Jordon, Chairman, Carl Ohr, Chester Coats, F. E. Eastham, H. B. Blain, J. C. Mullinax, C. E. Ashcraft, W. S. Ferrell, Leroy Huffstetter, Dale Byrd, Charles DeVault, G. E. Hamby, J. I. Pittman, W. S. Garrett, Sam McLellan, W. B. Blankenship.

Something New

First Baptist Church, Biloxi, operates the Fairyland Kindergarten for children 4 to 6 years of age, every morning, Monday through Friday. We are making a study of Kindergarten programs and equipment in all the states of the United States, with a view to selecting and using the best features and equipment we find, in our own Fairyland Kindergarten. We have four teachers employed in our Kindergarten at present. We also operate the Fairyland Play School for children, 3 to 6, every afternoon, Monday through Friday.

The Commencement exercises for the Kindergarten will be on May 27. Now, the something new is, we are planning to begin the Summer session of the Kindergarten and Play School on May 30. We have not had a summer session before.

A New Department

First Baptist Church, Biloxi, is setting up a New Department. We are calling it, The Activities Department. Mrs. Grant Shipp has been elected to serve as Director.

This department is designed to be the clinic or laboratory in our church life. The purpose of it is two fold: (1) To enlarge the ministry of our church, and, (2) To give the members of our church an opportunity to learn by experience how to do various kinds of church work.

In this department we are planning to offer training in at least the following activities: (1) Bible interpretation, similar to a Seminary Course; (2) Missions, including preaching and Sunday School work; (3) Cottage prayer meetings or home evangelism; (4) Hospital ministry including visitation and distribution of literature to patients; (5) Home visitation including enlisting the people in our church program; (6) Distribution of Bibles. We plan to give a Bible to every home in and around Biloxi in which there is no Bible if

anyone in the home will promise to read it. (7) Handing out cards and tracts on street; (8) Radio. The pastor is on the air twice each week, on Saturday at 11 a. m. to teach the Sunday School lesson, on Sunday at 11 a. m. to preach.

In our activities department, the radio program would be a weekly program planned and put on by our young people. (9) Colportage work including the selling of books. (10) Library work. We have about 2,500 choice volumes in our Church Library. (11) Recreation. Learning how to plan and direct wholesome recreational programs of various kinds. (12) Public Relations. Various methods of keeping our church before the public.

Each member of our church will be requested to indicate the particular activity in which he is most interested. Members of each group will be called together and organized to study and to plan for the work they are to do.

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Truman Invited To Baptist Assembly Grounds

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—President Truman has been invited by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, president of the Baptist World Alliance, to spend the month of August at Green Lake, Wis., on Baptist Assembly property.

Dr. Johnson, who said he also asked Mr. Truman to address the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland on July 22, 1950, announced that the President said he would "make every possible effort" to address the Congress. He did not commit himself on the visit to Wisconsin.

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HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock, May 15, 1949.

Speaker—Dr. J. D. Grey.

Heard in Mississippi over radio stations WJMB, Brookhaven; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; WTOK, Meridian; and over WAZF, Yazoo City at 8:30.

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JOHN EDWARD CAMPBELL

One of the best known of southwest Mississippi's older citizens, John Edward (Bunt) Campbell, died after a lengthy illness at his home in the East Fork community Friday, April 8.

Mr. Campbell, known to hundreds of friends and relatives as "Uncle Bunt," was a native of the section in which he died, having been born there Nov. 1, 1860. Sixty-five of his 88 years were spent in the home in which his death occurred. He was a farmer during his days of physical activity, and a community leader in every walk of life.

He had been critically ill for several weeks after an attack of influenza.

Funeral services were held from East Fork Baptist Church, of which he had been a deacon for a great number of years. Rev. M. T. Wilson, pastor, was officiating minister, and a friend, Rev. Earl C. Edwards, of East McComb Baptist Church, assisted.

Surviving are four sons, William, Luther and Lee Campbell, all of the East Fork community, and Clifton Campbell, Coushatta, La., a daughter, Mrs. Susi Anderson, East Fork; two half-brothers, Charles Baham, New Orleans, La., and Hillery Baham, East Fork; 28 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in East Fork Cemetery.

BAPTISTS TO CONVERGE

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sions of the Convention. The denominational program is purely one of co-operation, with its evangelistic, educational and benevolent activities planned in accordance with New Testament teaching, and the churches left free to cooperate or not cooperate as they choose.

That the churches do choose to cooperate is evidenced by the fact that their gifts exceeded \$7,000,000 for the Southern Baptist Convention's world-wide program in 1948. Colleges, seminaries, hospitals, benevolent institutions and mission work in a score of countries bear testimony to their united work in fulfilling the Great Commission.

"The unity of the Southern Baptist Convention is a modern miracle," says Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's executive committee. "With less authority in their organization than the United Nations possess, Southern Baptists have welded together more than 27,000 churches in a compact force for Christ. With diverse economic interests running from the farmer to the financier and without any appeal to class or race prejudice, more than 6,000,000 individuals have been enlisted in a common spiritual enterprise."

Dr. McCall suggests the Baptist belief in "the competency of the soul of man in matters of religion" as the distinctive and fundamental principle of Baptist faith out of which all other Baptist beliefs grow.

The following from Baptist Headquarters expect to attend the Convention:

Dr. D. A. McCall, Rev. Wm. P. Davis, Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Dr. B. C. Land, Miss Louise Hill, Miss Gladys Bryant, Miss Lois Tyler, Miss Eunice Sandlin, Miss Mildred Sepp, Miss Ernestine Cooper, Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, Miss Nell Taylor, Miss Carolyn Madison, Miss Edwina Robinson, Rev. J. B. Parker, and Dr. A. L. Goodrich.

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TWO SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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messengers and visitors, (3) our present wide, sprawling, coast-to-coast territory with its costly travel in time and money for essential meetings, and (4) the known commendable differences in characteristics between our people in the West and our people in the East.

"Growth by Division," wisely planned division, on the local church level and on the associational level, has been the key to Baptist vitality and growth in the past. On these levels it has meant more people putting more into and getting more out of the Scriptural program of our Lord as Baptists faithfully apply and activate it. This conception could and should be enforced here also.

When this principle is once accepted on the Convention level, details such as boards, publishing houses, seminaries, and the like can be worked out. Likewise, for example, our Western area and other areas of sparse Baptist populations, which are now ripe unto harvest, will not be won on our present basis before our opportunity to do so has passed.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of subscriptions from Ocean Springs Church sent in by Mrs. D. G. Bryde.

C. E. Bryant Resigns
As News Director
To Direct Baylor Publicity

C. E. BRYANT

WACO, Texas.—(BP)—C. E. Bryant, publicity director of the Southern Baptist Convention, has accepted the position as director of press relations for Baylor University effective July 1, according to an announcement of President W. R. White.

Bryant graduated from Baylor in 1939 and handled publicity work for the school until June 1942 when he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. During the school year he was elected editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* and served until two years ago when he moved to Nashville as publicity director on the staff of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

In addition to publicity, Bryant will also teach courses in religious journalism at Baylor, according to Mr. White.

As publicist for Southern Baptists, Bryant is editor of the *Baptist Program*, promotional publication for Executive Committee sent to Southern Baptist pastors, and also editor of the *Baptist Bulletin Service*. He has started a religious mat service for churches and a monthly mailing of Baptists news to 3,400 county weekly papers in the South.

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LONDON.—(RNS)—FOREIGN SECRETARY Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons that seven English Protestant chapels in Spain have been closed since 1947 by order of the Spanish authorities. Bevin's remark came in answer to a question from a Conservative member of the House. The Foreign Secretary said that several protests by the British government had been unavailing. He added that he believed the closings were caused by "religious intolerance."

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REV. JOHN A. WADE

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which was raised, emptied and returned to him. It took him two hours to reach Dismukes, who he lashed to a plank tied to the rope. The young minister had earlier tied his belt and the rope about the concrete slab in order to raise it.

Dismukes suffered shock and exposure and Wade suffered an extreme nervous reaction, the citation said. Both recovered.

Two days later the remainder of the slab, six and a half feet in diameter and four inches thick, toppled into the hole.

YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTED BY FIRST CHURCH, LAUREL
With Two Tickets In Field, Lively Campaign Resulted

Shown here are the recently elected officers of the Youth Council of First Church, Laurel. They are, front row (left to right): Miss Anita Headrick, Second Vice-President, Ralph Simmons, First Vice-President, Tommy Whitehead, President, Mary Beth Burke, Third Vice-President.

Back Row: (left to right)—Edward Gray, R. A. Representative; Eleanor Ann Parker; Y. W. A. Representative; Carolyn Hollingsworth; Secretary; Dana McKinnon, Treasurer; Nancy Rogers, G. A. Representative; Evelyn Montgomery, Reporter; Lewis Winn, Jr., Editor.

The Young People of the First Baptist Church of Laurel recently elected officers of the Youth Council.

In a very enthusiastic manner nominations were made and two tickets were drawn up with campaign managers appointed to direct the activities of the respective party tickets.

On the following Sunday morning ballots were cast by all members of the Intermediate and Young People's Departments. The above group was selected to direct and coordinate the youth activities of the First Church of Laurel. Theirs is a responsible position and yet one that they are thoroughly capable of fulfilling. Tom Draper is Educational Director.

The entire youth of the church are looking forward with much interest to the various activities of the coming months especially the Youth Revival of the Laurel Baptist Churches, June 19-26, with Dr. Chester Swor leading.

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T. R. Coulter, Jr., Preaches
In Revival At West Salem

12 Added, Many Dedications

West Salem church, Greene county, recently experienced a Spirit-filled meeting with Rev. T. R. Coulter, Jr. doing the preaching, according to Mrs. V. G. Smith, church reporter.

There were twelve additions by baptism, three girls dedicating themselves as foreign missionaries, one man rededicating himself and several boys and girls as well as adults dedicating themselves for any service to which God may lead.

Rev. Dan Cargile is the pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Coulter is the son of Rev. T. R. Coulter, Sr., pastor of the Taylorsville church.

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EVANGELISM ACCORDING TO CHRIST (\$2.50) by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbin and published by the Broadman Press, points once again to the original method of Christian evangelism—the Gospel of John. Beginning at the source, this book provides the soundest possible basis for soul-winning—the teachings of Jesus Christ. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING
UNION ATTENDANCE
May 8, 1949

Tupelo, Harrisburg	445	201
Goss	112	86
West Laurel	460	120
East Moss Point	182	82
Laurel, First	623	152
Enon (Panola County)	91	61
Rawls Springs (Forrest County)	117	101
Laurel, Second Avenue	433	121
Pascagoula, First	555	197
Center	145	65
Pleasant Ridge (Union County)	110	39
Glenfield (Union County)	50	29
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	107	105
Providence (Forrest County)	135	79
Rocky Creek (George County)	154	67
Lucedale	481	166
Houlika (Chickasaw County)	84	37
Chalybeate	52	30
Kosciusko, First	519	191
Meridian, First	1,027	
Meridian, 15th Ave.	600	
Meridian, Highland	466	
Meridian, Southside	371	
Meridian, 8th Ave.	371	
Meridian, 41st	301	
Meridian, Key Field Mission	43	
Meridian, Poplar Springs	269	
Meridian, Oak Grove	126	
Meridian, Oakland Heights	109	
Shady Grove (George County)	105	85
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	95	43
Jackson, Parkway	623	192
Parkway Chapel	105	28
Jackson, Calvary	1,280	261
Calvary Mission	25	25
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	226	132
Jackson, Northside	444	147
Jackson, Van Winkle	362	205
East Side (Rankin County)	108	49
Zion Hill (Columbia County)	75	56
Pleasant Valley (Simpson County)	147	120
East Fork (Amite County)	95	43
Crystal Springs	648	184
Hattiesburg, Main St.	838	236
Star	84	30
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	104	72
Holly Springs (Lincoln County)	46	46
Gulfport, First	667	135
Brookhaven, First	959	309
Siwel (Hinds County)	137	96
Tangipahoa (Pike County)	181	80
Montgomery (Lincoln County)	160	101
Durant, First	218	97
East McComb	458	203
Columbus, First	902	225
Carmel (Lawrence County)	150	147
Corinth, Tate Street	301	126
O'Uckolofa (Yalobusha County)	19	
Delay	37	46

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Before one can receive power from God, he must conform to the will of God without reservation—C. E. Matthews in *The Teacher*

T. R. COULTER, SR. ACCEPTS PASTORATE AT BASSFIELD



T. R. COULTER

Rev. T. R. Coulter, Sr., has accepted the pastorate of the Bassfield Church and will begin his work next Sunday, May 15. He comes to Bassfield from the Taylorsville Church, where he has served about three years.

During these three years, serving both Taylorsville Church and two afternoon churches, there were 259 additions on the field, 144 for Baptism.

The Rev. Mr. Coulter is the moderator of the Smith County Association and is a member of the Convention Board. He received the Th.M. and Th.B. degrees from the New Orleans Seminary.

Every department of the church has been in continuous growth during Mr. Coulter's pastorate. A building program is in progress, the church has been repaired, the pastor's home renovated, a new Hammond organ installed, complete with chimes and a loud speaker system.

Wesson Church Has Building Fund Day \$4500 CASH CONTRIBUTED

"All-Out" Day was observed in the Wesson Church on Sunday, May 8. Building Fund gifts totalled \$4,500. This was the first special effort made since the beginning of actual construction of the new church. Rev. W. C. Drummond is the Pastor.

An attractive eight-page booklet was mailed to each family in the membership, showing the floor plan of each of the three floors of the new building and a perspective of the new building on the cover page.

At the morning service a color sketch of the new church, two feet by four feet, prepared by Bill Fairchild, was placed on the rostrum. Following the message the congregation filed by, placing their offerings before the sketch. Sunday School attendance reached 201, the highest in a decade.

The old church was taken down in seven working days by an average of seven men working each day and the lumber was cleaned for use by volunteer labor on the part of members who worked at night on the job. Construction has begun under the direction of Love Ford, superintendent.

THE PASTOR SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE to all in his strong stand on moral issue. The world of evil in which we live finds too many champions of its voluptuous offerings and too few defenders of the right . . . Morris Ford in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Who Got The Hotel Room?

By DR. DUKE K. McCALL

"Who got the hotel room that I didn't get?" is the question on the lips of some 11,000 Southern Baptists. To date 12,000 Southern Baptists have written for rooms in Oklahoma City while the local committee in charge of the assignment of all rooms had less than 1,000 hotel rooms to assign.

The answer to the question is that a denominational employee may have gotten the hotel room you did not get—or it may have been a deacon in a quarter-time country church. Which one got it was determined by the hour the request was received and not by the position or so-called "influence" of the messenger making the request.

In early March, I went to Oklahoma City for a conference with Rev. Anson Justice, chairman of the local Housing Committee. He asked, "Is it necessary for me to provide for the officials of Blank Southern Baptist Convention agency?" I replied, "Yes, you must take care of them in exactly the same procedure by which you take care of the pastors of the part-time country churches." Brother Justice replied, "I am glad to get your answer, because that is what we intended to do regardless of what you said." And that is exactly what the Housing Committee has done.

Hotel rooms were allotted to the states on the basis of the relation of the Baptist population of that state to other states. Then that number of hotel rooms was assigned to the requests in chronological order of their receipt. Not even all the Convention officials, newspapermen, and others who have responsibilities connected with the sessions of this Convention got into the headquarters hotel. This happened despite the fact that it was obviously necessary to provide convenient quarters for those who work at the Convention.

The Housing Committee has provided for between 7,500 and 8,000 messengers, and an additional 5,000 messengers have been written that it is not possible to make definite assignment of space but provision will be made for them in the home of Oklahoma City if they do attend.

This will unquestionably be the largest session of the Southern Baptist Convention ever held. There have never been over 10,000 messengers heretofore, and already over 12,000 requests for reservations have been made for Oklahoma City. Confusion and bitterness would be the result except for the fact that this Convention is to be cradled in the prayers of almost 7,000,000 Southern Baptists. We go to Oklahoma City not for a vacation but to transact the business of our Lord.

DR. H. H. HARGROVE, PASTOR OF the Coggins Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas, was the evangelist for Trinity Church, Houston, Texas, April 17. There were 34 additions; 25 by baptism and many rededications. Rev. A. E. Harrison is the pastor. (Editor's note: Dr. Hargrove is a Mississippian in Texas on lend lease.)

REV. WILLIAM McMURRAY, PADUCAS, Ky., was the visiting evangelist in a revival at East Church, Greenville. Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside, Jackson, led the singing. There were 25 additions on profession of faith. Rev. Homer W. Roberson is the pastor.

VICTORY CLASS AT PARKWAY INSTALLS OFFICERS



Court Annuls Church Transfer

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(RNS)—Action taken in 1947 by which a 90-year-old Baptist church became Congregationalist has been annulled in district court here.

In a decision upholding seven minority members who protested the change-over Judge Paul S. Carroll ruled there is no legal precedent authorizing the majority of a congregation, over the protest of a minority, to transfer the affiliation of a church from one denomination to another.

The church involved, located in a Minneapolis suburb, was known until 1947 as First Baptist church of Richfield when by a vote of 91 to 29 the congregation decided to change the church's articles of incorporation and constitution and affiliate with the Congregationalist denomination.

At the same time, the name of the church was changed to Lakeside Church of Richfield, and the pastor, the Rev. Royal V. Bauser who had been a Baptist, was ordained a Congregationalist.

The judge said the law is such that the action of changing a church's denominational affiliation cannot be taken legally over the protest of a minority "no matter how similar the second denomination is to the first."

There are many Minnesota cases on this question, he added. "Several of them hold," he said, "that it is proper for one church to transfer its affiliations from one synod to another all within the same denomination but there is no decision in Minnesota or elsewhere which this court can find authorizing the majority of the congregation over the protest of the minority to transfer the affiliations of a church from one denomination to another."

He pointed out two differences between the Baptist and Congregationalist denominations which were proven at a trial.

One, he said, was that practically all Baptist churches believe that the only true form of baptism is by immersion, while in Congregationalist churches various forms of baptism are accepted.

The second difference, he said, is the attitude with respect to youth, "Baptists not being willing to accept youth to full membership until they have reached the age of discretion"

The Victory Class of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, held its installation of officers service at the church recently. It was a very impressive candlelight service, with Mrs. A. J. Chancellor, teacher, presiding as the installation officer.

The color scheme of the decorations and the beautifully arranged table were predominantly red, white and blue, the class colors.

Shown above are the members of the class.

Top Row, left to right: Pauline Chancellor, Teacher; Ella Mae Beaver; Elaine Jackson; Marie Palmer; Carroll Allen; Alice Spaulding; Inez Vinson; Pauline Smith.

Bottom Row, left to right: Laverne Bowers; Katherine Boyette; Marie Jackson; Annie Mae Myers; Aline Harrison; Madge Britt; Helen Rogers; Agnes Irwin; and Hilda Thomson.

CALVARY'S WONDROUS CROSS (\$1.50) is mellowed by the missionary experiences of the author, F. J. Huegel. This evaluation of the Cross contains such chapters as: The Cross—Our Center; The Cross and the Sinner; The Cross and the Believer; The Cross and Missions; The Cross and the Preacher. Orders should be sent to the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Foreign Board Elects Treasurer Mr. Everett Deane, assistant treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, was elected treasurer at the April meeting, his election to become effective when Mr. E. P. Buxton, treasurer since 1927, retires at the end of the year.

Mr. Deane, a native of Virginia, has served as assistant to Mr. Buxton since 1934, except for two years when he was in Navy services during the war. He came to the Board in 1930 as an assistant in the book department.

PREACH THE WORD—BECAUSE IT is a strong arm for tottering steps, a soft pillow for an aching head, blessed balm for a bleeding heart . . . R. G. Lee in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

and Congregationalists taking a different view. (Editor's Note: The last reference refers to infant baptism.)

As a result of the decision, Mr. Bauser said his church would sever its affiliations with the Twin Cities' Association of Congregational Churches, the Minnesota State Congregational Conference and the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN RECEIVES

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The editors viewed movies of Polish reconstruction—saw scenes of the war destruction and the people returning and engaging in building up their nation again.

Senator Douglass, Democrat, of Illinois, explained the pending housing bill and declared that he believes it will pass the House. It has already passed the Senate.

It is the responsibility of the Federal Government to do the job of clearing out the blighted areas, Senator Douglass asserted. He estimated there are between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 people living in urban slums.

Motes And Beans

(Editor's Note: Senator Douglass showed several enlarged pictures of slums, mostly in northern and western cities. Our reaction was—they are as bad or worse than anything to be found in the most delapidated sections of the South. We thought about motes and beans.)

The editors chose as their new president Dr. David D. Baker, editor of the Messenger, of St. Louis, Mo. He succeeds Dr. William B. Lippard of New York, editor of Missions Magazine. The group selected as new vice president Dr. Harold E. Fey, managing editor of The Christian Century. He is re-elected as secretary-treasurer Dr. G. Elson Ruff of Philadelphia, editor of The Lutheran.

Dr. William B. Lippard, editor of the Northern Baptist magazine, Missions, presided. All sessions except the opening fellowship dinner and the closing luncheon were held in the Washington Baptist Headquarters building.

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STOP SMOKING BEFORE IT STOPS YOU (\$1.75) is a treasury of facts and figures involved in the smoking situation, which is becoming so serious that abstinence is no longer a merit. There is a correct approach, which accompanied by an indomitable spirit to win—will power—will help the reader to enjoy a more normal, longer and healthful life. The author, Dr. Emil J. Alban, has had over twenty-five years of experience in private practice and the conclusions reached in this book are from his personal observations over this long period. Dr. Alban sets forth astonishing and revealing facts of the tremendous onslaught upon the nation's health by the stupendous amount of tobacco consumed annually by the estimated fifty million cigarette smokers of this nation. Order from the publisher, The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Mass.

As Jesus saw sinful men in his days on earth and wept over them, so does the living Christ see lost people now and longs for their salvation. Christ desires to save sinners from the guilt, dominion, and punishment of sin—Jerome O. Williams in *The Teacher*.

SEPARATE CHURCH AND STATE NOW (\$2.50) is a fair and just effort to show the Protestant-Catholic controversy, which is now a foremost topic in religious news. The author, Dr. Joseph Martin Dawson, is firm in the belief that Americans need only to maintain a sincere regard for the equal rights guaranteed in their Constitution in order to insure that all religious groups may live happily together in this land of freedom. Order from the publisher: Richard R. Smith, 120 E. 9th Street, New York.

A leader is one who knows how to work with other people. A leader is one who knows how to follow and is willing to follow. To be a good follower is required of a leader—J. E. Lambdin in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

WORLD ALLIANCE LEADERS STRESS CONSECRATION

"Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love!"

In times when men and nations are becoming more and more divided, the bonds of love that unite us across all boundaries become increasingly precious.

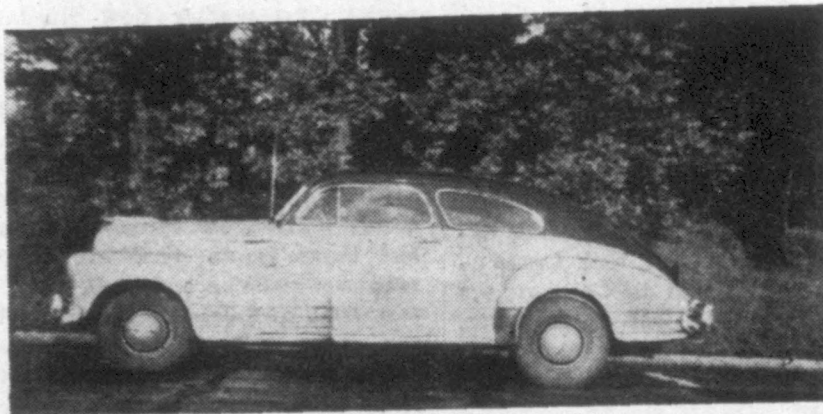
Our assurance of the forgiveness of sins and our hope of life eternal rest on no merits of our own, on no ordinances, on no Church, on no experience, but simply and only upon Jesus Christ himself, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification.

If there is one thing above others that has distinguished the people called Baptists throughout the centuries, it is their stand for the undelimited sovereignty of Jesus. No priest and no king, no church and no state, shall dictate to our consciences, but only Jesus Christ himself.

The days of suffering are not past. In some countries Christians of our persuasion, and of other persuasions as well, are subjected to persecution. In some places their belongings are confiscated and their places of worship closed. In other areas their leaders are banished, or thrown into slave camps, or after torture and terror brought to trial on false charges. We cannot be with them in their hour of distress or reach them with words of comfort. But through our common access to the throne of God, and by virtue of that spiritual communion which is ours across oceans and continents, we can strengthen them with our intercessions and in some measure open our hearts to the fellowship of their sufferings.

Let us pray that they may remain faithful to their Lord, and that, even in the darkest hour they may experience that joy of which Jesus spoke: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad!"

We who are spared the supreme test of loyalty under persecution, let us see to it that we do not grieve our Lord by divided hearts, or fail Him

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Shown above is a picture of the Brotherhood car that has been purchased by the officers of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention, Theo Holmes, president; Dr. M. L. Flynt, vice-president; and T. M. Dickson, secretary-treasurer. The state officers purchased the car and the payments have been made and will continue to be from



Shown above is a photo of the Men's Bible Class of Center Terrace Baptist Church, Canton, Mississippi. This class was organized in June, 1932. For ten years Gale Cooper has been its faithful teacher, having been absent only when it was unavoidable. Both Brother Cooper and the members of the class are proud of the splendid work they are doing. Brother Cooper says that his fellowship and work with these men has been one of his greatest joys.

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"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

THE CASE AGAINST MODERNISM (25c) by Chester E. Tulga and published by Conservative Baptist Fellowship, 352 Wellington Avenue, Chicago 14, Ill., gives the chronological steps of modernism since the beginning of the twentieth century, when modernism was at its height. The neglect of doctrine led to the abandonment of doctrine, and as it did so modernism was growing stronger. This volume traces the devious course of modernism through the years. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

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CROWDER—DURING THE WEEK OF April 24-29, the Crowder Baptist Church experienced one of its best revival seasons in recent years. Rev. Robert Martin, pastor of the Batesville Baptist Church, was the guest preacher. Rev. Charles Tyler, pastor of the Crowder Church, directed the music. In the services of that week, 20 were added to the church—19 by baptism and 1 by letter. Pastor Tyler speaks in glowing terms of Rev. Martin's spirit of humility, soundness of Scripture, and winsomely evangelistic appeals.

MACON: THE WEEK OF APRIL 24 was a great one in the service of God and in the life of our church. For the studies for growth in Christian living we enrolled more than one hundred. We had an average attendance of 73. Our Training Union Adults did a grand job entertaining the county-wide meeting Friday night. On Sunday night May 1, the high school choir presented a Sacred Cantata dealing with the blessed truths of our Living Lord. The cantata was under the direction of Mrs. Mary Lillian Ogden, director; Miss Mary Louise Campbell, assistant; and Miss Geraldine Pullen, accompanist.—R. D. PEARSON, pastor.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENT GOVERNMENT officers have been elected at Blue Mountain College for next session: President, Charla Walters, Laurel; vice-president, Emily Owen, Memphis, Tenn.; secretary, Bobbe Carr, Sumner; treasurer, Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City; defending attorney, Betty Hyde, Tupelo; prosecuting attorney, Miriam Preston, Nashville, Tenn.; faculty adviser, Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, head of the Bible department.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., APRIL 26—Miss Maurine Sparkman, Pine Bluff, Ark., was designated best listener for the session by President Lawrence T. Lowrey in general assembly at Blue Mountain College yesterday. President Lowrey observes the audience throughout the year and annually makes an award to the student, who in his opinion is the most consistently attentive.

REV. R. L. RAY, JR., OF PONTIAC at Tiptonsville. Pastor Ray writes that "The Baptist Record is to go into every home." Editor's note: If every pastor would do as this pastor does the Baptist Record circulation would soon be above the 75,000 mark.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OF Zion Hill Church in Lebanon Association will begin on May 23. The pastor, Loyd Shelton will serve as principal. Other workers will be: Mrs. O. C. Grissom, Mrs. L. Young, Mrs. Olive Williams, Mrs. Joe Myrick, Mrs. Robert Slack, Mrs. Earl McGilvary, Miss Dorothy Franks, Mrs. W. E. Plant, Mrs. Loyd Shelton, Mrs. A. Young, Mrs. Jessie Jefferson, Mrs. Ruth Sultzer, Miss Helen Jane Battles.

THE REMAINS OF LESLIE FRANCIS Myers arrived and was interned in Bethel Cemetery, Rankin County, on March 24. He was the son of Mrs. Lula W. Myers of Bethel and the late Cas Myers. He lost his life on January 12, 1943, while stationed in China.

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD appointed 28 new missionaries at its annual meeting, a total of 259 new overseas workers since 1945. Dr. Rankin reported that the percentage of administrative expense for the Foreign Mission Board had dropped from 4.23 per cent of operative expenses in 1945 to 2.43 per cent of operative expenses during the past year.

THE YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY of Southwestern Seminary has broken all previous records for offerings this year. Through the efforts of the 163 members \$2,070.17 was given to missions. This amount has included the state mission offering, the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings, and a special offering for Zilda Silva, a Brazilian student who returned to her country to do mission work. The YWA also made an honor roll of all former students who are now missionaries. Through their community mission program they have ministered to the Lena Pope children's home, the Mexican Goodwill center, The Convalescent Home, and the Home of Seclusion (Volunteers of America).

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK WAS OBSERVED in the First Baptist Church of Pineville, Louisiana, April 24-May 1. Dr. Joe W. Burton, Editor of "Home Life" was the guest preacher for the week. Thirty-eight people united with the church during the week of whom 31 were for baptism. More than 200 homes were dedicated and family altars established. This was one of the most significant weeks in the history of the church according to Dr. R. Houston Smith, Pastor. (Editor's Note: Dr. Smith was formerly pastor at Collins.)

HEBRON CHURCH, LOCATED JUST outside the city limits of Grenada is in a building program. The church feels the need of a church bell. The pastor, Rev. E. L. Norwood, has asked that the Baptist Record publish an appeal for the donation of a bell for the new church. He thinks that it would be fine to hear the pealing of a good bell from the top of the high hill on which the church is located. Anyone willing to aid in the purchase of a bell should write Rev. E. L. Norwood, 144 Mound Street, Grenada.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Mt. Zion Church, Leake County. The list was sent by G. E. Gunter.

DR. B. C. LAND, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation directed a simultaneous stewardship campaign in 25 of the 49 churches of Franklin County (Illinois) association churches during the week of April 24-May 1. He also preached during the week in the East Benton church revival. The campaign was jointly sponsored by the State Board, Dr. Noel M. Taylor, secretary, and Franklin County Association, Rev. Lester Teele, missionary.

THE SOUL-WINNER'S FIRE (\$1.25) by Dr. John R. Rice consists of eight chapters, emphasizing the great essentials of soul winning. Such chapters as "He that Winneth Souls Is Wise," "God's Way in Soul Winning," "Praying for Revival," "Unsaved Brother," etc., will set a glow in your heart to win souls. Order from the publisher: Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Ill.

REV. B. W. HUDSON HAS RESIGNED the pastorate of the Elysian Fields Church, New Orleans, to accept the Midway Church at Jena. Mississippians will remember Pastor Hudson as having served at Senatobia and at Chalhybeate.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: S. L. Stinger, Jackson; Rev. Phil Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. O. L. Chambers, Vicksburg; Rev. Jack Price, Monkton, Maryland; Rev. Amelio Giannette, Rome, Italy; Mrs. Lucille C. Dabney, Ruth Armstrong, Hattiesburg; Rev. Don Land, Anding; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Rev. R. W. Porter, Georgetown; Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, Vicksburg; Rev. Elton Barlow, Brookhaven; B. B. Hartwell, Hot Springs; Dr. T. W. Greene, Jackson; Rev. William C. Reid, Jr., Clinton; Rev. James P. Brewer, Clinton; Rev. J. C. Madison, Clinton; Rev. W. A. Hogan, Bay Springs.

Dr. Floyd S. Wise Elected Grand Canyon College Dean



DR. FLOYD S. WISE

Dr. Floyd S. Wise has accepted the deanship of Grand Canyon College at Prescott, Arizona, and will assume his new duties June 1. For the past school year Dr. Wise has been dean and head of the department of Social Science of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas.

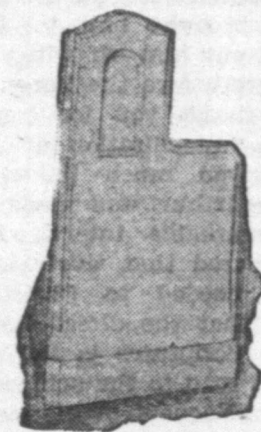
Plans are being completed for the opening of Grand Canyon College at Prescott on September 14 of this year, according to an announcement by Dr. Willis J. Ray, president of the college. Dr. Ray states that Prescott is providing class rooms and office space to accommodate 300 students. Tourist courts within a radius of three blocks of the college buildings will be made available for dormitory space.

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Gen. MacArthur Says Japan A Great Gospel Opportunity

Not in 500 years, General Douglas MacArthur points out in appealing for Bibles and Testaments for Japan, has any nation afforded an opportunity such as Japan now offers for the presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Glenn Wagner, foreign secretary of the Pocket Testament League of New York, and Timothy Pietsch (a missionary veteran on loan to the League from the Scandinavian Alliance Mission) report that in their interview with General MacArthur regarding the League's offer to distribute free a million Gospels and Testaments in Japan, the General pleaded that not one million, but ten million Scriptures be supplied.

So deeply is General MacArthur interested in getting the Word of God out to the whole Japanese nation that when Glenn Wagner attempted to thank him in behalf of the Pocket Testament League for the invitation which had brought him to Japan, the General cut him off with: "You have the cart before the horse. It is for me to thank you for coming."

That the evangelization of Japan has been given much thought by General MacArthur was made clear in this remarkable interview. The General declared that thirty million Bibles are needed to Christianize Japan, and that the direct distribution of the Scriptures is the surest and quickest road to the achievement of this goal. Eloquent of his sense of personal responsibility for this program of Scripture distribution was his question: "You are going to back me up in this, aren't you? You are not going to fail me in this job, are you?"

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REV. S. P. ANDREWS

The Rev. S. P. Andrews, age 74, of Houlika, died at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Monday, May 3, after several weeks' illness. The body was brought to Houlika Baptist Church Tuesday morning and remained in state until two o'clock. The Rev. D. D. Satterwhite of Houston officiated and burial was held at the Old Houlika Cemetery.

This veteran minister gave 43 years of service, twenty-five of these he served as pastor at Houlika, Bruce, Mathiston, and Van Vleet. He retired from active duty in December, 1948.

It can be said of this beloved minister that he was a Godly man whose every step, word, and deed was for the good and betterment of mankind. His consecrated life was a concrete example of his daily teachings, which radiated a Christian influence for young and old through the years.

Three young men, Frank Roy, student of Louisville, Kentucky; Paul Harwood, Union University student; and the Rev. Henning Andrews, youngest son of the late Mr. Andrews, who receives his diploma from Louisville Seminary within a few days, were converted during Mr. Andrews' ministry.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Ida Andrews of Houlika and two other sons, Stanley Andrews of Mobile, Ala., and King Andrews of Shreveport, Louisiana.

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF Marks has just experienced a most uplifting revival under the preaching of Rev. J. H. Kyzar of Greenwood. There were 20 additions, 7 by letter. The revival spirit still prevails and on last Sunday, two others came on profession of faith and one by letter. The pastor, Dr. Eavenson, baptized eleven on last Sunday and will administer the ordinance again on next Sunday.

I'll Pray For You

By JOHN W. McCALL, President Tennessee Baptist Convention

(Editor's Note: Here's an invitation that all should accept.)

As the people called Baptists converge on Oklahoma City in the week of May 15, our Southern Baptist Convention President, Dr. R. G. Lee, will face the arduous task of presiding over the most democratic religious body on the face of the earth. The voice of almost seven million Baptists will be making itself heard through the messengers from the churches. This holds the dynamics for both good and evil.

Are we ready? (2 Chronicles 7:15.) In a recent commercial radio broadcast following one simple suggestion more than 7,000 people wrote letters in a spirit of banter and fun to the party designated. I would like to join our Baptists hosts in saying to Dr. Lee, our president, "I'll be praying for you."

1. Praying for your physical strength to discharge arduous tasks; that you may possess spiritual discernment and Christian fortitude to lead wisely "so great a people."

2. Praying that those of us who attend this Convention may be too big to be little; that selfishness and petty politics may be dissolved in the spirit of humility and "in honor preferring one another."

3. Praying that this Convention may speedily find God's will and God's way for this strife-torn world; that through divine leadership may be established a lasting and just peace among men.

4. Praying that this Convention may be so Christ centered that there will be heard and recorded around the earth the fact that the Prince of Peace desires to rule and reign in the hearts of men.

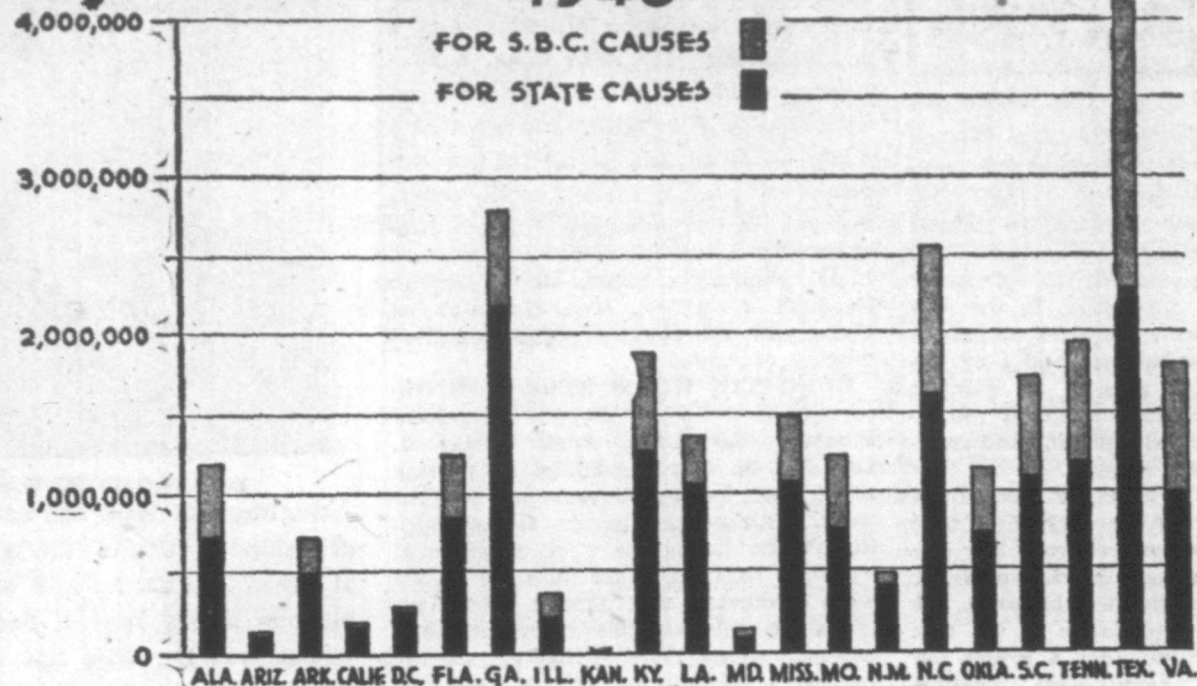
5. Praying that every Christian may go afresh to the task of telling others about the Saviour.

Yes, we will be praying for each other.

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THE GLADE CHURCH IN JONES County and Pastor, Rev. Fred Williams, are rejoicing over their recent spring revival which resulted in 68 additions, 51 by baptism. Dr. R. A. Tullos, pastor of Calvary Church in Greenwood was the evangelist.

TOTAL RECEIPTS STATE AND S.B.C. CAUSES 1948



By DR. MERRILL D. MOORE

The new Southern Baptist Handbook for 1949, which will be released at the time of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City, contains on page 68 Mr. Routh's tabulation of 1948 receipts and distribution of mission and benevolence funds by state conventions. The above graph was made by our artist to present information found in that tabulation.

We give thanks to God for the increase over the previous year which is shown in every state. Gifts for state causes are larger, also gifts for Southern Baptist Convention causes. The totals for all causes represent the largest gifts in Baptist history.

We give thanks also for the increase in proportion of Cooperative Program funds to Southern Baptist causes which has been shown in the record of many of the states. A slight increase has been registered in eighteen, and three, according to information in hand, have within the past year officially increased the proportion to Southern Baptist Convention causes: Mississippi, Arkansas, and Georgia.

God is blessing Southern Baptists in the effort to reach "Every Baptist a Tither" and "Fifty-Fifty by 1950." Let us press forward!

enforce the counter-blockade. Communism is playing a slight of hand game. They would like nothing better than to have us ship relief supplies to their zone. They would know how to turn these supplies to good advantage for their cause.

"It is true that our brethren in that zone will have to undergo great suffering and privation. The human and Christian thing would be to send relief supplies to them. But by doing so, we would help the communists against our own government. I think that we as American Baptists owe it to our government that we give it full cooperation in this matter. They cannot stop us from shipping relief supplies from Sweden to the Russian Zone, but they ask that we cooperate with the principle of the blockade and I think that we ought to do so."

Adventists Report Record Number Of Baptists

TAKOMA PARK, Md.—(RNS)—A record number of 14,808 persons were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America during 1948, it was reported to the denomination's annual spring council here.

Claude Conard, the council's statistical secretary, said that during 1948 each active Adventist ordained minister in the United States and Canada baptized an average of 12 persons.

He said home and local contributions reported totalled \$5,661,325.09, an increase of 9.3 per cent over the previous year.

W. E. Nelson, treasurer of the Church's General Conference, reported that denominational investments total more than \$138,000,000.

American membership in the Church is now 235,460 and world membership totals 647,781.

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Don't Ship To Russian Zone Baptist Relief Agent Urges

STUTTGART, Germany—Issuing a ringing call for cooperation with the U. S. Government's counter-blockade of the Russian Zone of Germany, Rev. Otto Nallinger, Baptist Relief Representative in Europe, has urged that the World Alliance Relief Committee not attempt in any way to get relief supplies to the Russian Zone.

"I realize that I may be misunderstood by making such an appeal, but permit me to give you my reasons for making an apparently inhuman and unchristian statement.

"The Russians started this whole business of blockades. There are times when you fight fire only with fire. Our government has deemed it a wise policy to put into effect a counter-blockade. In order to make the blockade secure they have now forbidden the shipment of all relief supplies into the Russian Zone.

"I feel that we as Baptists ought to give our Government our wholehearted support in their effort to